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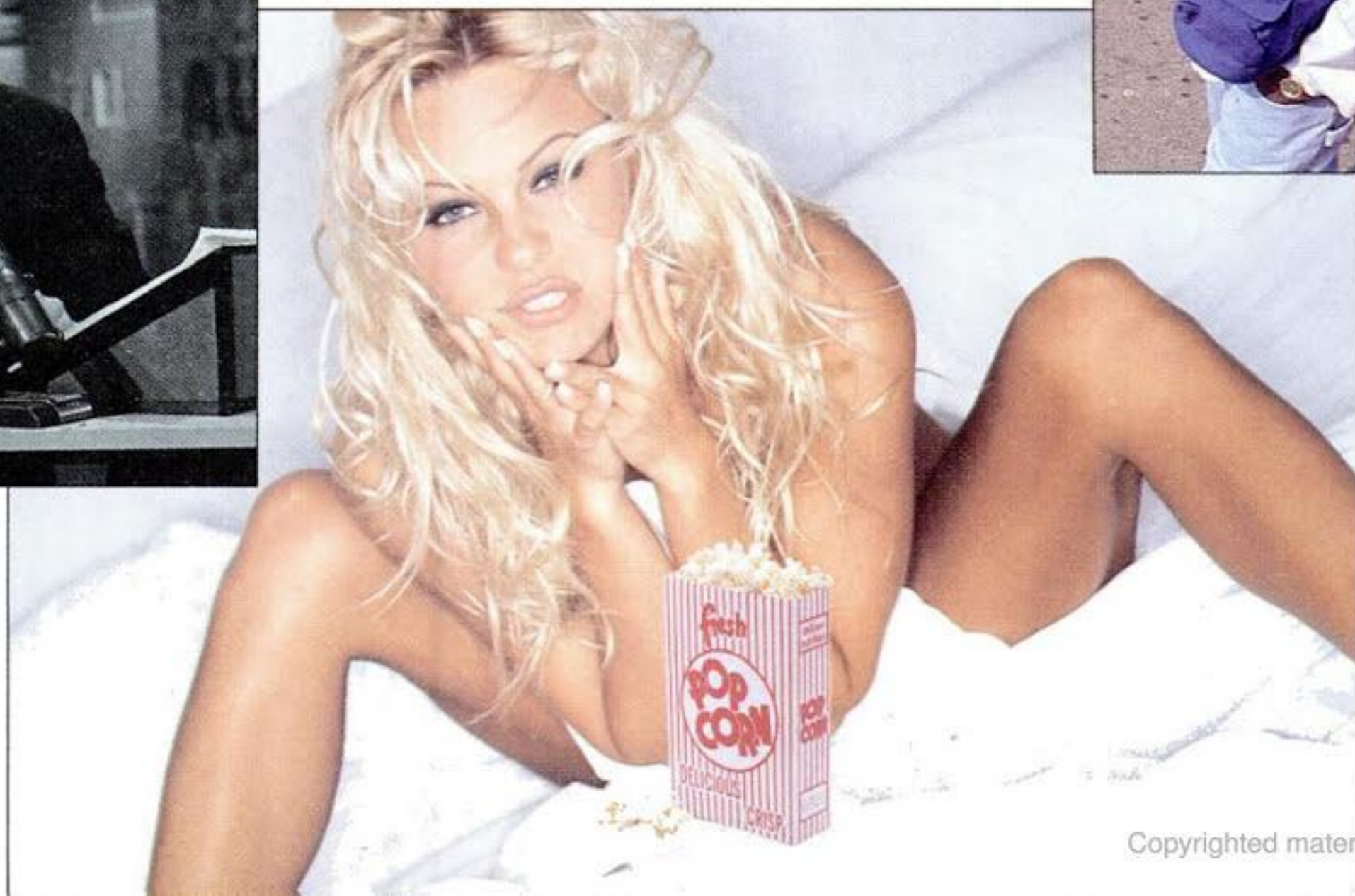
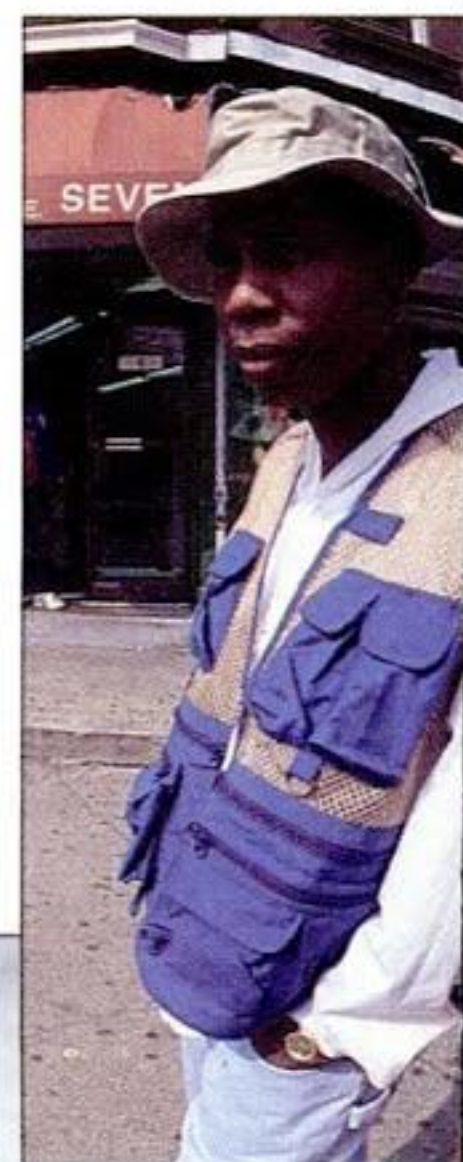
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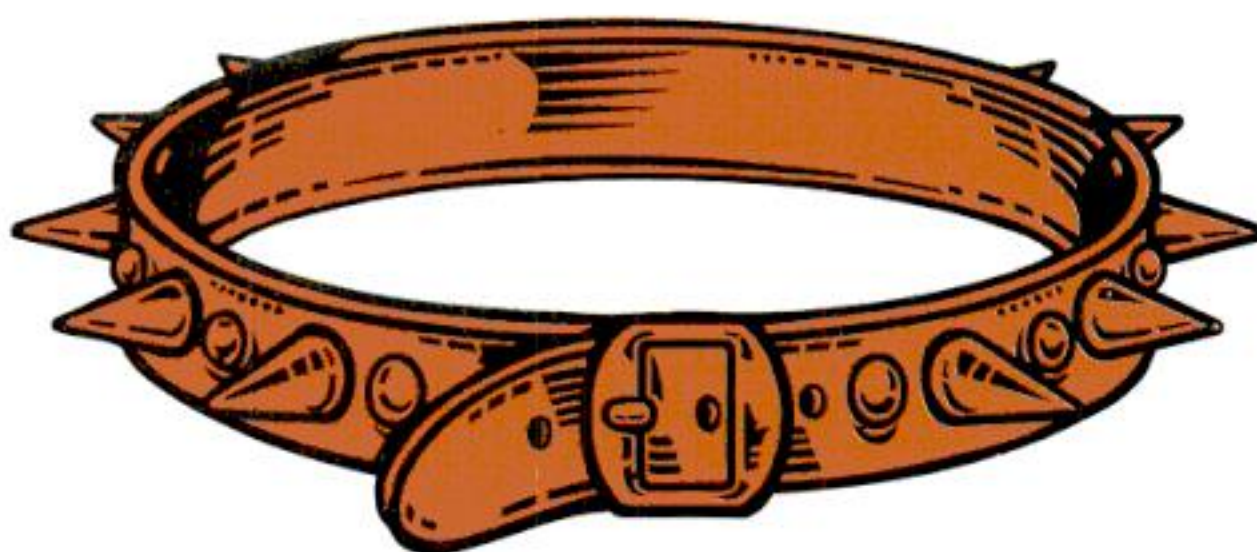
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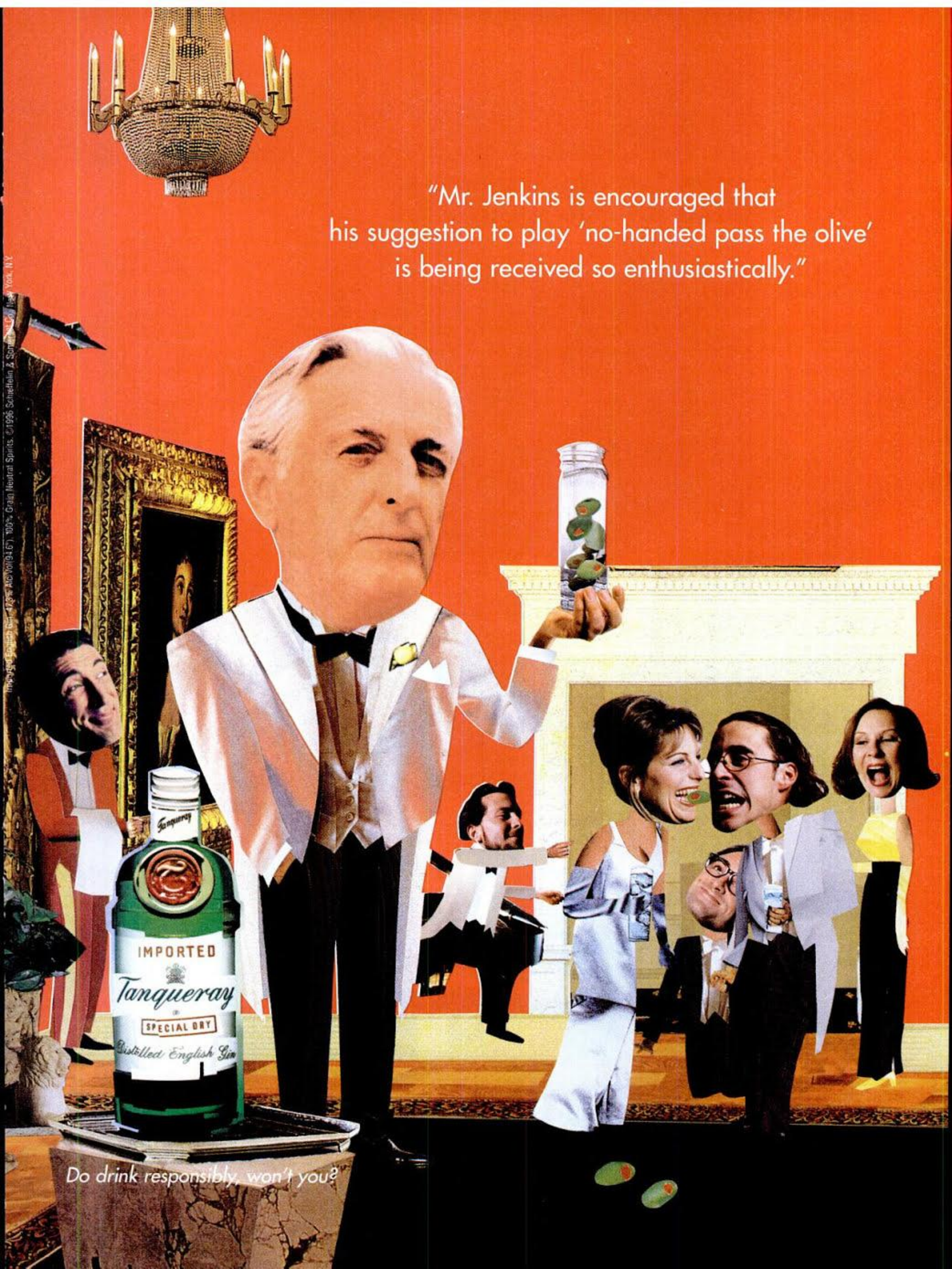
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"Mr. Jenkins is encouraged that his suggestion to play 'no-handed pass the olive' is being received so enthusiastically."



Do drink responsibly, won't you?

Thanks for the Memories

Darcy Lockman

Darcy Lockman ("After This, We've Got Tickets to *Cats*," p. 19) hails from Detroit, which doesn't quite have the selection of S&M clubs that New York boasts. "I was out with a boy, and he said we should check them out," she protests, innocently. "I only went out with him once, but I got a story out of it, so it was good." Mistress Darcy, who enjoys writing, *claims* that she doesn't find black leather hoods and nipple clamps to be the cat's meow, though she has written for *Lusty Leather Ladies* and *Crucifixion Fixation*, as well as *Rolling Stone* and *Us*.



David Potorti

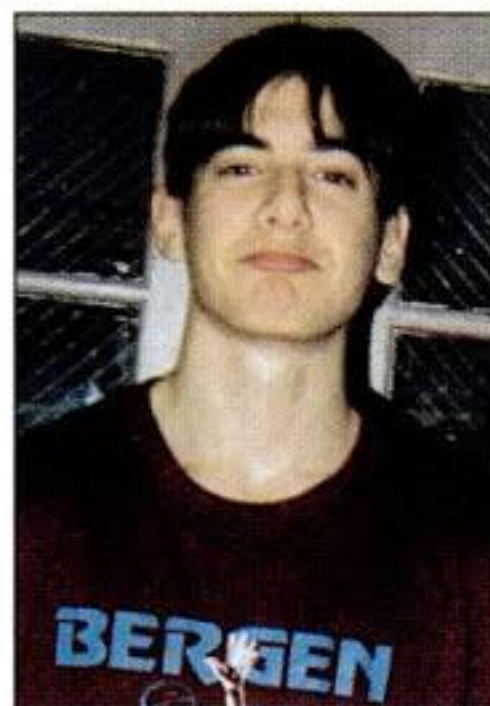
David Potorti ("God Is My Copublisher," p. 18), attended the Immaculate Conception School in Ithaca, New York, under the tutelage of nuns with square heads and white bibs. The only one of three brothers to not become an altar boy, he feels his higher calling has been reached by contributing to SPY. What's next? "God only knows." He's currently working on a jazz documentary and writing a book about nightmares. Just when he thought he was getting in good with the Big Guy, he blows it with an irreverent piece on Christian magazines. If he could say one thing to the good sisters who taught him, it would be, "Nice job."

Lisa Bornstein

Lisa Bornstein ("Roger and Me," p. 13) gets her regular Roger dosage covering the Arts and Entertainment beat for the *South Bend Tribune*. "I'm not going to make any fat jokes—that would be too easy," she says cryptically, "but anyone can pull themselves from a rural middle-class childhood to middle-class adulthood like he did." She does have a lot of respect for the way Siskel and Ebert do their jobs. "They're the guys who couldn't get laid in college, so this is their revenge." *Now* they get plenty.

Jonathan Yevin

Veteran intern Jonathan Yevin ("From Glocks to Stocks," p. 30) hails from Oradell, New Jersey, where he studies at—dig this—the Academy for the Advancement of Science and Technology. The industrious Yevster aspires someday to be an astrophysicist, in the tradition of Hawking, Thorne, Wheeler, and, um, Estrada. "Popular Science didn't have any openings, so I opted for SPY," he says ruefully. Of his piece, Yevin said that working with menacing, hard-core rappers provided a stark contrast to pocket-protector-wearing geeky-types, like his classmates. "To tell the truth, Chuck D. didn't seem too interested in Einstein's Theory of Special Relativity," he concludes. Well, young Jonathan, you know that you don't have to be a rocket scientist to bust phat rhymes.



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From the SPY Mailroom

DO YOU EVER GET THAT summer wanderlust, that desire to cater to your peripatetic nature, pack up a bandanna at the end of a long pole, and just leave your workaday nine-to-fiver behind? Hit the open road, man, and don't look back. You're probably going to need a new pair of treads, *mon ami*, if you're going to do your share of walking. Say you went to Missoula, Montana, for example, home of preteen inquisitor Max Allyn. It is precisely our sense of global camaraderie—our neighbor is our friend—that touched us upon receiving young Max's correspondence. When Max turned to *us* with his footwear questions, we wanted to lend a hand. Or should we say foot?

Dear SPY:

This is Max Allyn. I am an 11-year-old fifth-grader at Roosevelt Elementary School in Missoula. I am doing a report on shoes and wanted to know how many shoes Imelda Marcos had in her closet when she was arrested.

Sincerely,
Max Allyn

What a rush we got from sending the answer off to Max. But in the midst of our euphoria, we thought to ourselves: Funny how this shoe theme seems to take over our humble little space. Last issue, we received mail from foot fetishist Chuck Jones, this issue Max seemed to reveal his own.

Speaking of fetishes, Perry Burns of Wahiawa, Hawaii, seems to be obsessed with actresses and their mammary glands. "Oh yeah," he intones, "While I have some paper to fill, I might mention that Anna Nicole

Eenie Meenie Miney

C'mon folks, show a little respect [April 1996]. Whether you like him or not, Clinton *is* the president. *He* should have been Moe.

Gus Wheeler
Salt Lake City, Utah

A Dash of This

Gee, thanks a lot for not calling to fact check for accuracy [Stacey Dash, "The Usual Suspects," April 1996]. I did inform the writer that we would contact him if Ms. Dash was interested in participating in his article. Ms. Dash was not obligated to talk to the writer. The writer was way out of line to have contacted her at home.

The last quote you attributed to me, unfortunately, is entirely inaccurate. Had you bothered to check, I would have had a much more clever response.

Michelle Bega
Vice president, entertainment
Rogers & Cowan, Inc.

Wait a minute, Michelle—more clever than your opening sarcastic salvo? We certainly hope we can work with you again in the future, if only in anticipation of more "clever responses."

Open Sesame

In "Long Time No See" [April 1996], Frank DeCaro is obviously too stupid to know that Ruth Buzzi has become a regular on *Sesame Street* as Ruthie, the owner of Finders Keepers (a sort of junk shop).

Karen Goosen
Randolph, New Jersey

Karen, you are so right. We told Frank a long time ago that he was "too stupid," and in fact we recommended that he watch more children's programming on public television. Keep up the good work.

Eight Miles High

To call the increasingly grotesque Sylvia Miles "second runner-up in the Dame Edna Everidge (sic) look-alike contest" [April 1996] is thoroughly uncalled for and a rather yucky insult to Australia's greatest export and the most celebrated woman of our time.

Doug McEwan
Hemet, California

Funny, we thought Australia's greatest exports were Tyrolean hats, lederhosen, and tasty pastries. Maybe we should watch more children's programming on public television.

Sorry, Sorry, Sorry

We are Muslims who live in peace with our non-Muslim neighbors, but when an attack is made against Islam, we must withdraw that peace until the situation has been resolved. Your article "Saline Solution: Bigger Than Allah?" written by Devon Alexander in the February 1996 issue is such an attack. Such a blatant remark is sacrilegious and will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

We suggest that you retract this article and give a public apology for allowing this type of slander to go unchecked. Perhaps you think we will not fight you; an erroneous assumption indeed. We are confident that you will do the right thing.

Ansaarullah
Washington, D.C.

The article in question had absolutely nothing to do with Islam but was instead about the television program Baywatch. The title "Bigger Than Allah?" refers to John Lennon's insouciant comment about the Beatles being bigger than Jesus. We apologize if any of our readers' religious sensibilities were offended.

Smith is 'all natural,' and if Liz Hurley is 'big-titted,' then so are half the women in Hollywood." Gee, uh, Per, that's a keen observation, buddy. And ask Chuck if maybe he can get you a pair of Anna Nicole's shoes.

Socks also seem to be on the minds of SPY readers these days. Take tough-talking mom Diana Stoneberg. This über-mater registered her complaint about Shari Lewis and her treacly, abhorrent little sock puppet to us. "As a concerned parent, I wish you would infiltrate the 'has been' humor of Lamb Chop's Play-A-Long on PBS. Somebody needs to get to the bottom of that permanent fog filter softening the never ending plastic surgery of the 'jokes from Ed Sullivan' host." Hmmm. Diana, we hear you—loud and clear—but what can we do? We're just a bunch of incompetent boobs who can't even spell "apologize" correctly. Just ask Larry McCue. Actually, now that you mention it, by gum, take a gander at Larry's e-mail moniker. It's "Lambh." Come to think of it, if you want to get to the bottom of this whole Shari Lewis and Lamb Chop thing, we wouldn't ask for Larry's help one bit.

Alas, while we have some paper to fill, Larry's not the only one critiquing our spelling these days. Now it seems that every schmo with a dictionary and a word processor wants to be the Monday morning copy editor of SPY. What's the big deal, anyway—a little spelling error here, a tiny extra space there. Jeepers.

What really shocked us, though, was the venom our readers seem to have not only for us, but also for each other. Take Bob Vivian of Chico, California, for instance. He points out that fellow reader Jeff Christian used the word "bazaar" incorrectly in his letter [April 1996]. Vivian sent us page eight of his April issue, the offending word circled, with the clever retort at the top: "Nice Editing! As in *Harper's*?" If the shoe fits, Bob.

Sweet Lou

Thanks for printing "Louis, Louis, Louis, Louis..." [February 1996]. What finally told me he was an absolute nut were excerpts from his book about UFO contacts. It states that the prophet Elijah Muhammad will have his second coming, stepping from a UFO, and revealing George Bush's war against African-Americans.

Robert W. Sirignano
Wilmington, Delaware

Georgie Porgie

Attacking twice in one issue JFK Jr.'s misspelling of "adress" [February 1996] in his quick note to a nosy reporter seems like nit-picking, considering page 44 "send about a 20 firefighters" or SPY 100's No. 99 "darnn stupid." Perhaps you should, as you say in No. 77, "appologize."

Larry McCue
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Larry, Larry, Larry. Spelling, schmelling, we always say, Lar. Or should we say "Lambh?" Did anyone ever tell you that you have an adorable Internet "handle?"

We're Big in Germany

I noticed that Luciano Pavarotti was described as the "tubby tenor," Barbra Streisand as having "flabby arms, stomach, and boobs," and Senator Ted Kennedy as "310 lbs. of Bostonian blubber" [April 1996].

This is satire? God help us.

Katie Bowen
New York City

Once again, our loyal readers have helped us remove a little ouefs from our visages. The jokes got mixed up—Pavarotti is the one with "flabby arms, stomach, and boobs," Streisand the "tubby tenor." But Kennedy is "310 lbs. of Bostonian blubber." Good eye, Katie.

Upon receiving the December 1995 issue, I had excitedly turned to one of my favorite sections: "Party Poop." Just when I was about to dismiss SPY as just another cheap rag, I had an epiphany: SPY is producing that whole magazine in hot metal and those pictures are being cut with

knives. Hand-crafted! Wow, you guys are like, artisans. Now I know SPY is worth the subscription price.

Dan Ward
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I read about your fabulous SPY magazine but was never able to get a copy in Germany. Please be so kind to send me a sample issue (or tell me the price for a sample). Thank you very much in advance for your kindness.

Nick Nossem
Trier, Germany

Verdammte Scheisse Vielleicht Herr Kohl hat alle die Deutsch kopien unsere Zeitschriften gegessen. Es tut uns sehr Leid, Dass du keine SPY finden kann. Zwei bratwurst mit kraut und senf bitte.

Suspicious Minds

In "Do You Want to Buy a Bridge?" [February 1996], please note for the record that at no time did Lisa Marie Presley call MTV and threaten to block its use of her husband or her father's work if we were to broadcast a negative segment on Scientology. It is also not true that MTV ran the story but watered it down.

Rob Fox, Laura Lazin, Dave Sirulnick
Producers, New Religions: The Cult Question

The Wet and Wild One

To conclude that Marlon Brando is a bad person merely because of his weight ["Daddy's Girl," October 1995] is the most blatant, mean-spirited prejudice and gives new meaning to "blame the victim." Does any one of you piss holy water?

Janice Rubin
New York City

We used to keep it in the company watercooler, Janice, but a certain thirsty Mr. Brando left us high and dry.

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by Jamie Malanowski

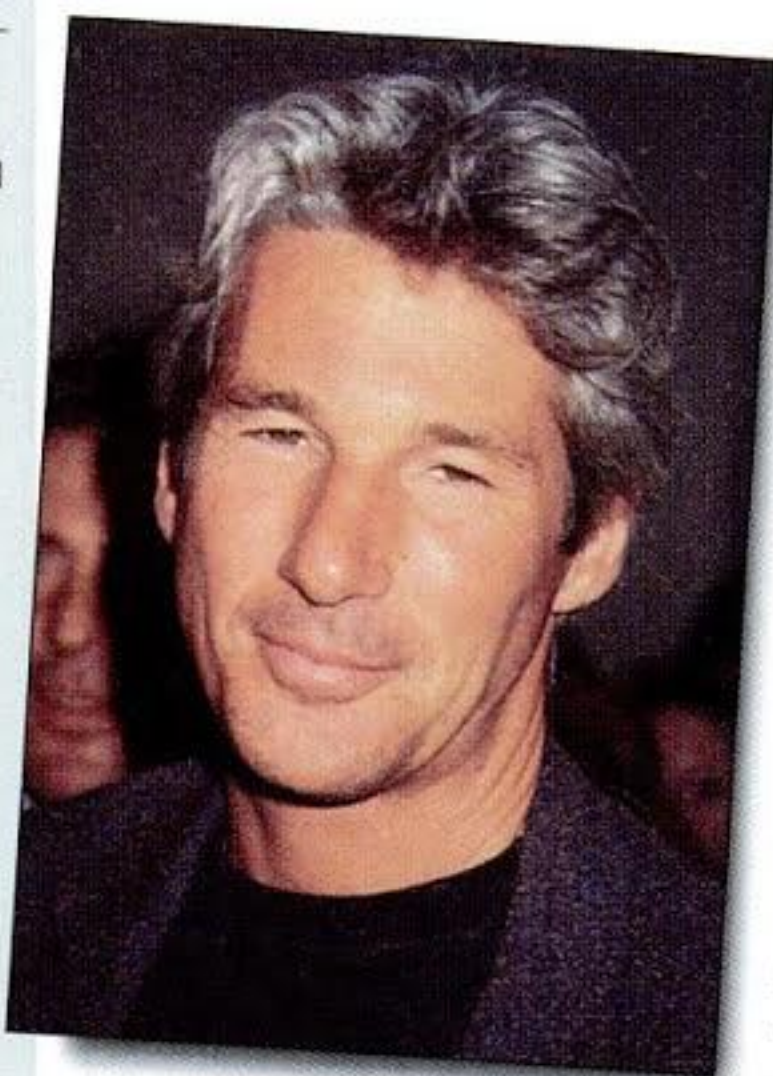
The Fat Lady Sings

Yes, it was long, and it was bathetic, and there was a woman of substance on center stage. Still, the memorable five-hour press conference held by Utah's Republican Representative Enid Greene Waldholtz—to discuss how her husband defrauded her and her family and embezzled from her campaign—won't go down in the annals of opera. For one thing, there was no music. Moreover, when things soured for her con-artist husband Joe Waldholtz and he abandoned Enid, she did not collapse like some poor Butterfly but came out swinging. In fact, what was billed as a "come clean" press conference was actually a state-of-the-art demonstration of how to get out of a jam, as the following excerpts prove:

Argue That This Happens to Everybody: "I also want to thank the people I do not know who have written to share their personal tragedies with me, to let me know that I'm not alone."

Make Sure You Define the Terms: "The reason no loan was reported [to the Federal Election Commission] is, number one, it wasn't a loan. It was a sale of an asset over time."

Say That You Have Always Been a Good Person: "I got involved in politics because I was idealistic....When I was a teenager, I started volunteering in politics: I parked cars, I stuffed envelopes, I set up folding chairs."



I When MTV's *The Real World* held a reunion special recently, old footage showed **Norman Korpi** (the bisexual one) running up to nipple ring-sporting **Charles Dabney** and planting a big kiss on his lips. A spokesman for Dabney, who is now better known as ex-trash TV talk show host **Charles Perez**, said, "It's unfortunate that MTV has sunken to the depths of tabloid journalism." Tabloid TV? How utterly déclassé. Of course, the host of such memorable episodes of the *Charles Perez Show* as "Peeping Toms," "Mothers and Lesbianism," and "Keeping Secrets from Mates" knows tabloid TV when he sees it. Korpi, now an art director in L.A., admits he never expected his ex to come out while he was still on television but did say, "He was out to me."

naked city

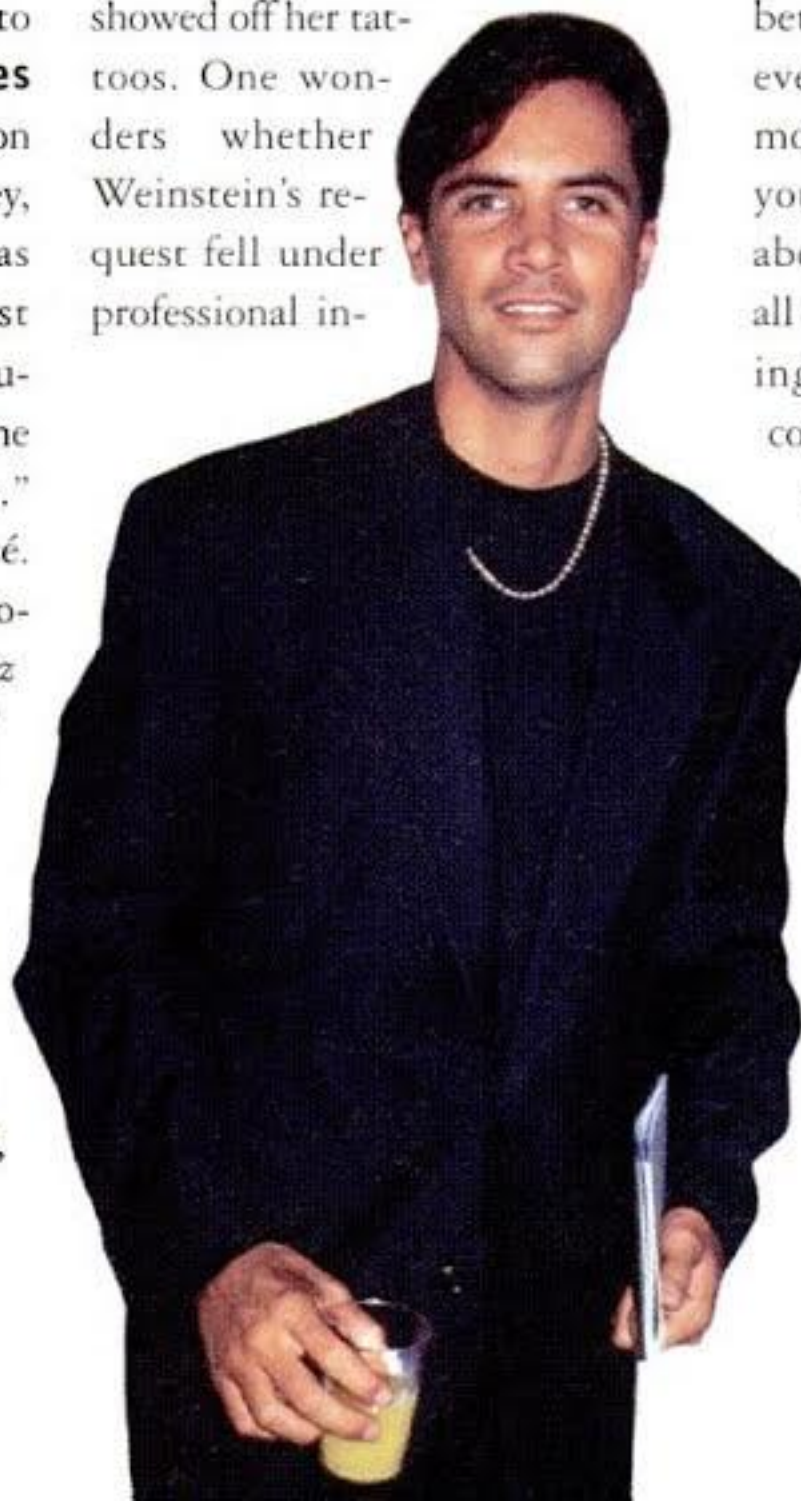
The Usual Suspects

II Corpulent Miramax Films copresident **Harvey Weinstein** likes to keep close tabs on the young actresses that appear in his little movies, though less liberal types might find his current level of interest a little untoward. Weinstein recently requested a copy of the "closed set" footage from *Wishful Thinking*, a Miramax release currently in production. "Closed set" footage is unedited and usually contains several takes of each of the nude and sex scenes. Thus, only the essential crew and the director were present on the set while **Drew Barrymore**, ahem, showed off her tattoos. One wonders whether Weinstein's request fell under professional in-

terest or "personal use." Wishful thinking, indeed.

III Even professional ass kissers can tire of bussing celebrity booty once in a while. Take **Tina Brown**, for example. At a recent gala held for the Met's Costume Institute, Brown turned to her dinner companion, **Richard Gere**, who had been holding forth on the subject of his friend the Dalai Lama for the better part of the evening, and admonished: "Must you prattle on about Buddhism all night? It's so boring." Although some table companions agreed, one guest was moved to note that "I guess Tina doesn't ever plan on editing *Vanity Fair* again."

IV From Hello, Dalai to Hello, Dolly! Poor **Carol Channing**. The aging Broadway vet is now so weak that a large bouquet of roses thrown by a fan at a recent performance nearly knocked her over.



ning in this time.' " Pat Buchanan, to voters at a Waterloo, Iowa, campaign rally.

Song of Myself

Roger and Me

Chicago's largest critical mass gives himself two thumbs up

You may know Roger "the Fat One" Ebert as cohost of *Siskel and Ebert at the Movies* or as chief critic of the *Chicago Sun-Times*. In his *Sun-Times* incarnation, the ambitious Ebert has not been content to scribble random *pensées* about seemingly unconnected flicks. To him, each precious strip of celluloid is the madeleine that sparks a Proustian recall of a life spent gobbling popcorn for a living.

The master has been composing a serial autobiography, a unified field theory that links all of filmdom to his own fascinating life. Let us peruse this Shandyian memoir, which we have presumptuously named *Ebert, My Life in the Dark*.

First, some vital stats: Rog is a Gemini (*Top Secret!* 1984), owns cats (*The World According to Garp*, 1982), and is a vegetarian (*The Road to Wellville*, 1994)—although he occasionally has a hot dog craving (*Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, 1988). Oddly enough, he doesn't like running (*Chariots of Fire*, 1981).

Raised in bucolic Urbana, Illinois (*Fame*, 1980), young Roger first thought about love when he was 12 or 13 (*Thumbelina*, 1994). Life in high school was simpler then (*Heathers*, 1989), though his high school teachers were tough cookies with "Draconian" methods (*Fame*, *Op. cit.*). On weekends, the youthful critic-to-be would drive "around downtown Urbana—past the Princess Theater, past the courthouse—sometimes stopping for a dance at the youth center or a hamburger at the Steak 'n' Shake" (*American Graffiti*, 1973).

Sockhoppin' juvenilia aside, Roger *knew* he was different and exhibited it in both his weltanschauung and couture.

"I...viewed all manifestations of 1950s teenage culture with the superiority of one who had read *Look Homeward, Angel* and knew, even then, that you could not go home again" (*Cry-*

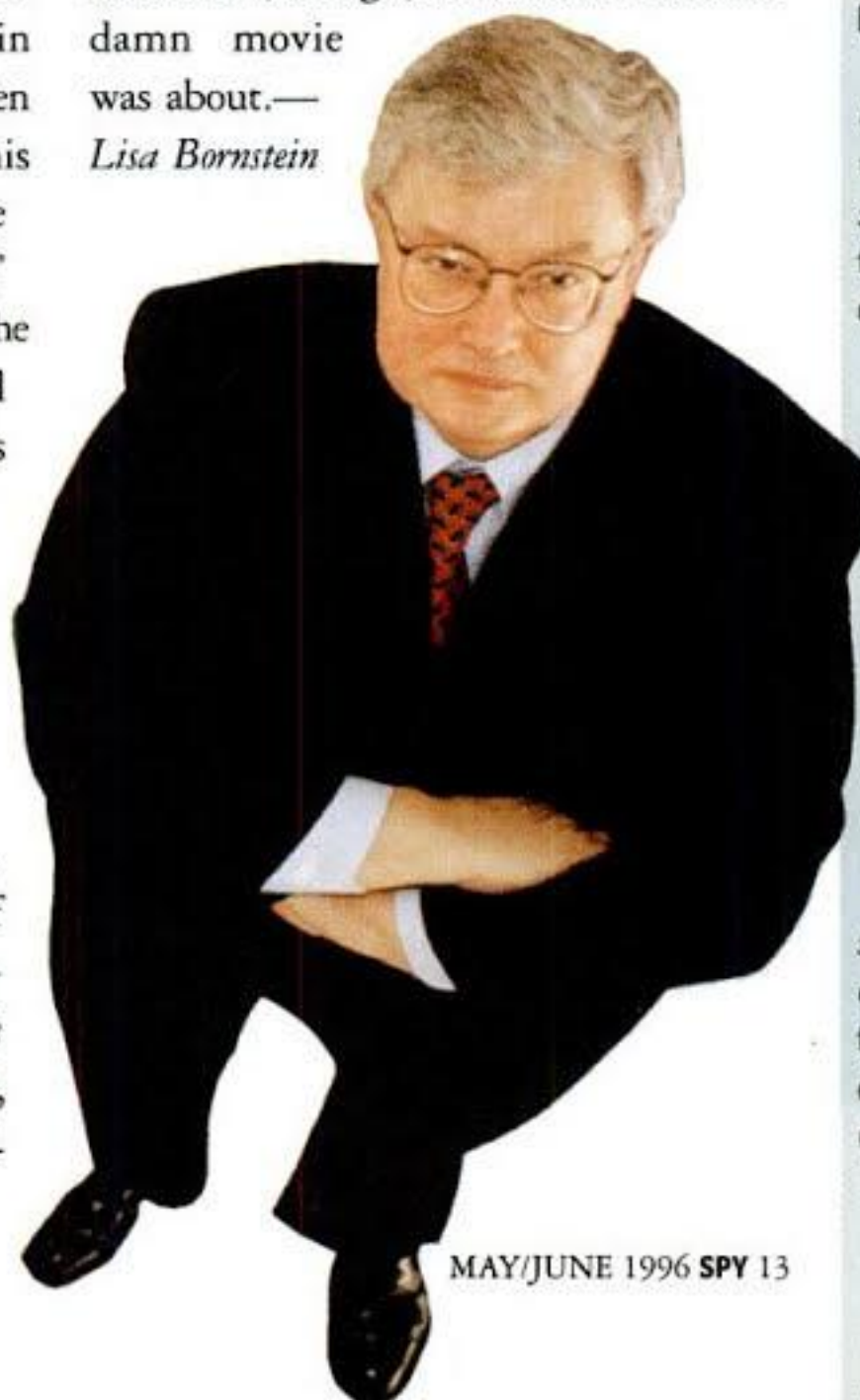


Baby, 1990). What's more, a "black leather [jacket] suggests a degree of badness I could never aspire to" (*Ibid.*).

Roger thrived at the University of Illinois (*With Honors*, 1994), where he diligently

studied Shakespeare (*Hamlet*, 1990). His passion for journalism was whetted as a cub sports reporter "covering local high school teams" (*All the Right Moves*, 1983). "I used to write real news on deadline," he recalled nostalgically, "and those were some of the happiest days of my life" (*The Paper*, 1994).

Today, Ebert looks back at his days of innocence, youth, and exploration. He wonders how things got so complicated. Most of all, though, he wonders what that damn movie was about.—
Lisa Bornstein



THE FINE PRINT CONTINUED

Say That He Had Always Been a Good Person: "I thought I saw the real Joe Waldholtz, the Joe Waldholtz who...saw a lost dog on the street and took the dog home and put an ad in the paper and cried when the owner called us the next morning and was so grateful that we'd found their dog."

Say That You Trusted Him...: *On why she put him in charge of her campaign finances:* "The reason that I put Joe in charge of those finances is that I believed that Joe Waldholtz above and beyond any person in the world had my best interest at heart."

On why she never saw any bills: "Joe said, 'Let me worry about the bills, Enid. Let me take care of the financial matters. You have enough on your mind.'"

On why she didn't heed her campaign manager's warnings: "I know you all wonder why I didn't see the flags at that point and remove Joe from handling the campaign. He was my husband, and I trusted him, and I loved him."

On why she wasn't curious when American Express sued Joe: "Joe told me there had been fraud on his card....I believed he had resolved the problem."

On why she wasn't curious about a bounced check: "[He] told me the check hadn't bounced....I believed him."

On why she never pursued another report of checks bouncing: "Joe told me he had a box of checks stolen from the Cincinnati airport. It

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made sense to me—we had gone through Cincinnati.”

...That You Were Weak...: “I know it’s hard for people to understand how someone who was a trial attorney, deputy chief of staff to a governor, [and] chairman of a national political organization can be so easily fooled. But it was exactly because I was weary of always being the strong one that I thought I’d found someone who could accept me completely, that it was okay when I cried and showed weakness and showed emotion.”

...Manipulated...: “Joe took over the responsibility of organizing my desk, my phone calls....I now realize that...Joe was restricting my access to any information that would clue me into what was really happening. It was Joe that took all the messages off of our home phone at night. I didn’t even know the access code. I didn’t want to. Joe said he’d do it.”

...Fooled...: “We had sat at our kitchen table across from each other, filling out a draft [Congressional Financial] disclosure form in pencil....I never knew that Joe had changed our pencil draft from showing there was qualified blind trust income to showing that there was not....He brought me the ‘94 form but without the cover page. I never questioned it.”

...or Sex Crazy: “I didn’t really want to talk about money—we were on our honeymoon.”

Say That You Always Wanted to Do The Right Thing...: “I said, ‘Joe, the only way that people are going to believe all of this, as I do, is if we have

Mourning Glories

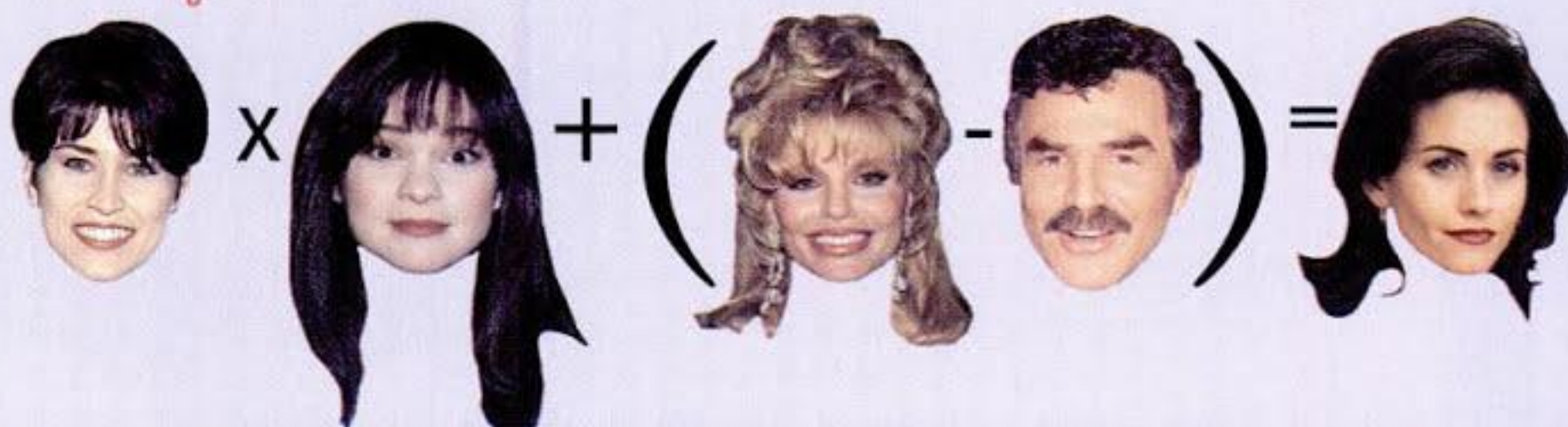
They’re Dying to Get into *Vanity Fair*

There is romance in tragedy, in the desperate glamour of the well-heeled coming to sorry ends. Shakespeare knew it. Dickens knew it. *Vanity Fair* follows suit.

Thanks to VF’s solicitous, slick postmortems, no fabulous dead socialite’s gravestone remains unturned. Fewer lawsuits, too.—Devon Alexander

Dead Socialite	How Fabulous?	Pissed It Away?	Cad Factor	Nasty Habit	Death & the Maiden	Hidden Talent
Barbara Hutton	Woolworth’s heiress worth \$50 million had nickname “poor little rich girl.”	All \$50 million, chasing booze, drugs, stupid men.	Seven husbands, and lots of lovers, like James Dean, Howard Hughes, and Porfirio Rubirosa.	Promiscuity, alcoholism, drug addiction, and a penchant for suicide attempts.	Heart attack.	Incredible power of denial.
Babe Cushing	<i>Mais oui</i> . A debutante famous just for being beautiful.	Not her money, but her happiness and desires.	Her second husband, CBS chairman Bill Paley, was the cheating, selfish type, while first mate, Stanley Mortimer, Jr., was an alcoholic.	Tranquilizers, liquor, and repression. She ignored her kids, and Bill’s kids, and their kids.	Lung cancer.	She was reportedly celibate from 1962 until her death in 1978.
Louise Brooks	The Ultimate Flapper. “Lulu” was a sex symbol known for two films, <i>Pandora’s Box</i> and <i>The Diary of a Lost Girl</i> .	Nothing to piss away. She was broke as hell and even worked once as a hooker.	Pre-Babe Cushing, Bill Paley began dating Lulu in 1928. He also gave her a \$200 monthly allowance from 1954 until her death.	Liquor, prostitution, sleeping pills, and promiscuity. And a bad temper.	Emphysema.	She was the focus of obsession for three men, two of whom were at least 15 years her junior.
Dovima	She was THE FACE of the fifties in <i>Vogue</i> , <i>Harper’s Bazaar</i> , and <i>Glamour</i> .	Hell yeah.	One husband was a drunk deadbeat, the other beat her so badly she couldn’t show up to modeling shoots.	Hunks and hooch.	Breast cancer, for which she refused treatment.	Poetry. “He just loves my rough-neck lovin’/ When he drags me to his lair.”
Doris Duke	Amassed an estate of \$1.2 billion.	Not for lack of trying: She bought a \$25 million plane and numerous houses.	Police said her illiterate, alcoholic butler did it: poisoned her to inherit her fortune (which was later taken away). Plus, she was married to Porfirio Rubirosa.	Living like Elvis Presley—pills to sleep, pills to wake up, physicians on call, and, oh yes, she owned her own plane.	Natural causes (wink wink; her blood was like liquid morphine).	She managed to give large sums of money to her butler while unconscious.

Celebrity Math: The Cast of *Friends*. Part I



Nancy McKeon x Valerie Bertinelli + (Loni Anderson - Burt Reynolds) = Courteney Cox

A black and white photograph of a man and a woman laughing together outdoors. The woman is on the left, wearing a dark dress, and the man is on the right, wearing a dark sweater and light-colored trousers. They are standing in front of a wooden fence and a house. A small portable stereo is on the ground near the house.

When you sip at life
it gets easier to swallow.

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Take it easy.



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an independent accountant who can tell people what's really going on."

...But Then...: "I had developed toxemia in my pregnancy and was restricted by my doctors....I stayed in bed most of the time, and I kept asking Joe about those documents."...And Then...: "I had a cesarean."...And Then...: "Elizabeth had jaundice."

Contend That You'd Do It Differently: "I didn't open his mail. I never did. I wish I had."

Suggest That He Was Under a Lot of Pressure, and Might Have Been Mentally Ill, Besides: "I should say at this point Joe's mother has a history of severe psychological problems."

Yeah, Mental Illness—That's the Ticket: "He was threatening suicide, he was threatening divorce."

Conjure Up the Specter of Sodomy: "I have found evidence of other questionable lifestyle choices that I'm not going to identify today....They are matters for the divorce court."

Suggest That All This Finance Stuff Was a Guy Thing: "I don't think my mother knows to this day what my father's net worth is."

Then Get Your Mom to Stick Up for You:

Enid: Do you, Mom?
Mom: No. I only know about my housekeeping.

And in the End, Hold onto What You Really Believe: On Her Future, Given That Her Campaign Violated Campaign Finance Regulations: "I have concluded that I should not resign and will not."

Ding Dong—It's the Anthrax Lady!

A Toxin a Day Helps Keep Wrinkles Away

Señor Ponce de León, meet Mr. Botulism

It seems like only yesterday that collagen was the state-of-the-art panacea for wrinkles and such. But today, the conventional wisdom in battling the effects of aging dictates, "Out with the protein, and in with the acute paralytic disease." That's right, for that fresh-faced, wrinkle-free look, try botulism. And no, you don't have to suffer the indignity of looking for dented cans in the supermarket, silly. You get it from a *doctor*.

Despite the fact that botulism is potentially fatal, facial-Kevorkian Dr. John Joseph, the Westside guru of L.A.'s best-kept secret, says that the botulism beauty product Botox, which is administered in injections, has no complications.

"Look at it this way," Dr. John explains. "Two aspirin will make you well, two bottles of aspirin will kill you. Sure, people get spooked when they hear it's botulism, but we're talking about a well-understood molecule that has no side effects."

And Los Angeles's beautiful populace is lining up outside Dr. John's door. Here's how it works: All wrinkles result from muscle contraction. When

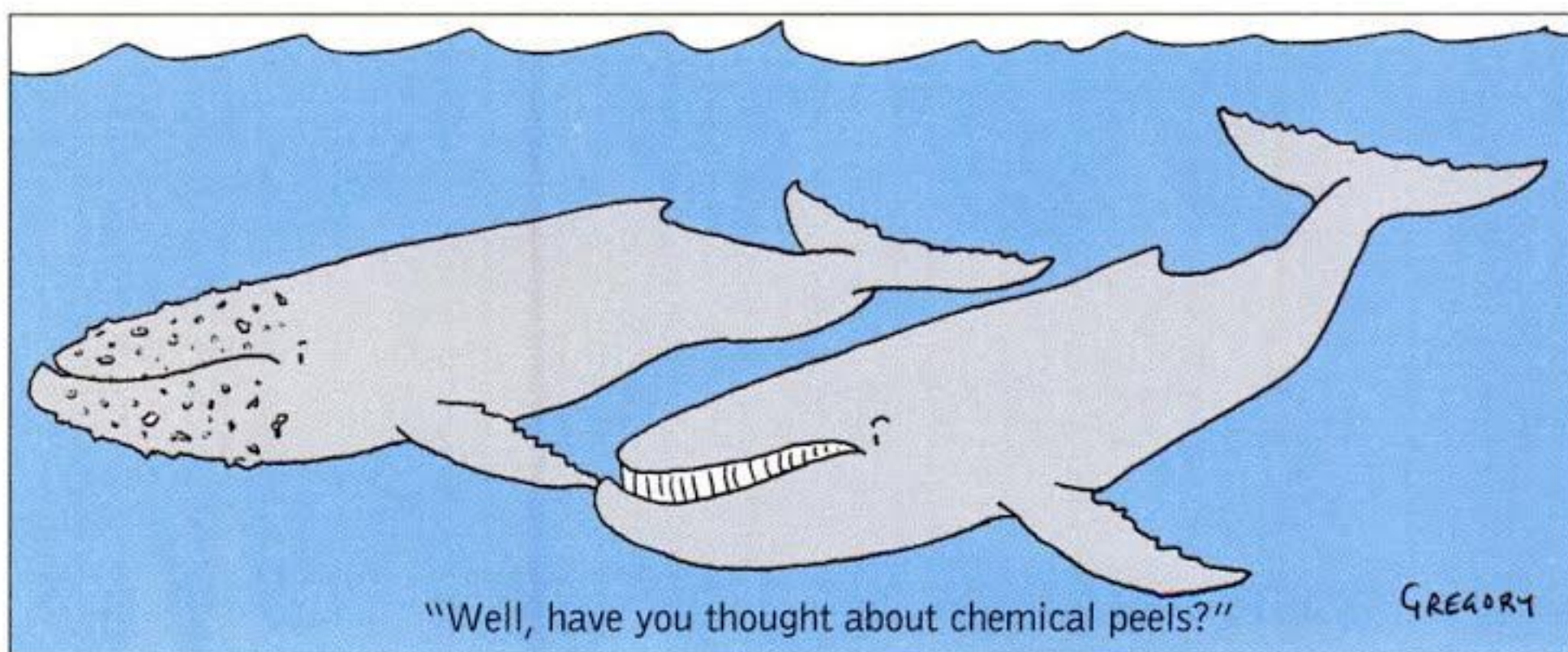
Botox is injected into the upper half of the faces of the wrinkly and famous, it paralyzes the facial muscles, virtually eliminating wrinkles for four to six months, when another visit to Dr. John is required. It can't be injected around the mouth, however—it seems Botox's paralyzing powers would, well, prevent patients from being able to speak.

An FDA-approved substance, Botox has been used for the last 20 years in treating bona fide medical conditions, such as cerebral palsy, facial tics, and hyperactive eye muscles. But it has yet to be approved by the government for use in cosmetic purposes. In fact, its

wrinkle-fixing powers were discovered accidentally by a neurologist when a patient who was injected with the toxic stuff came back and said, "Do the rest of my forehead."

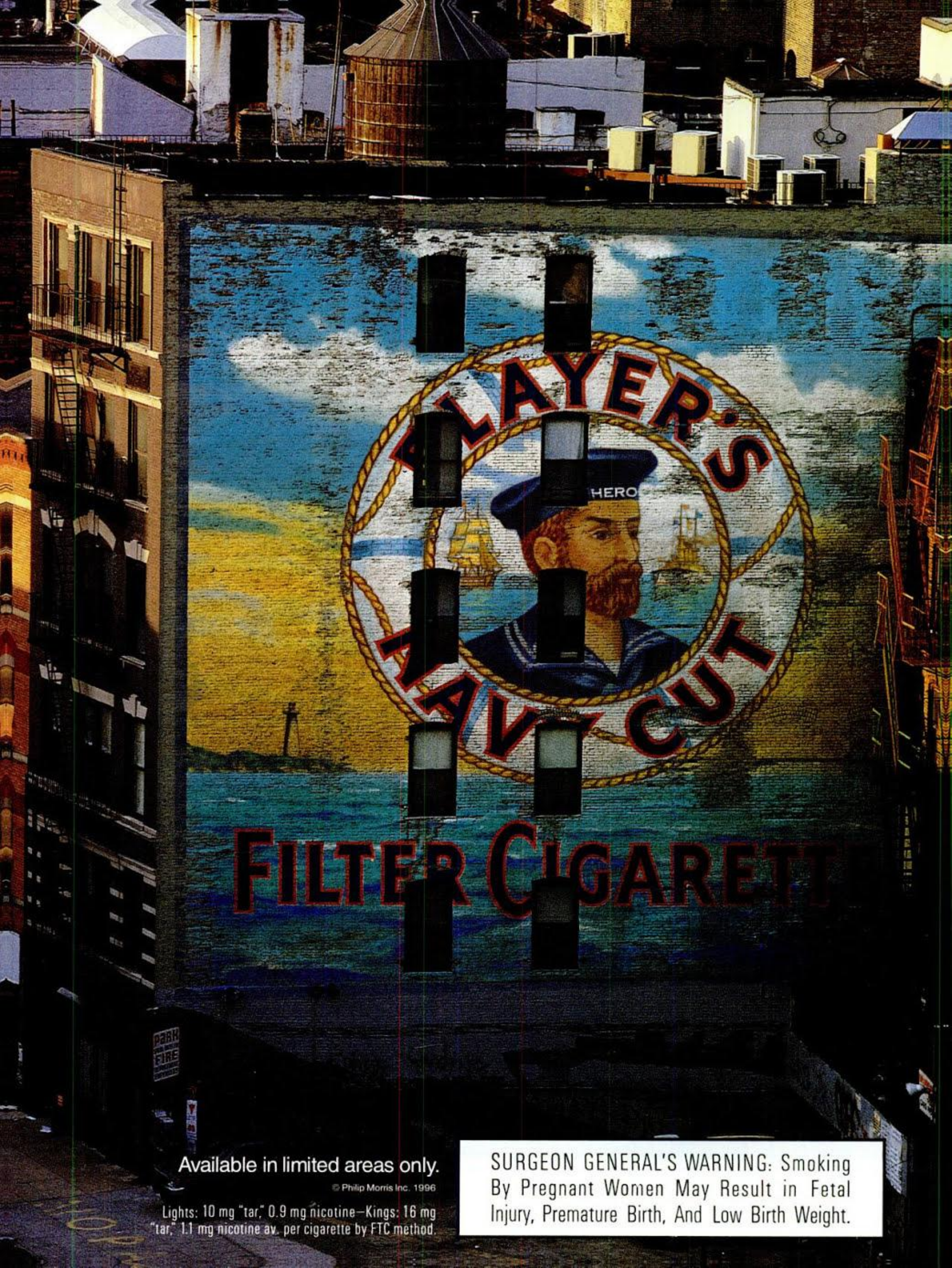
Dr. John has shown 300 patients his own half-Botoxed, half-wrinkled forehead before issuing them their \$250–1000 injections. Angelenos cast a ruthless eye on those who look their age, but Dr. John won't disclose which actors get his treatment. As the main supplier of Botox in L.A., though, he is well positioned to ride the next beauty wave. "Two years from now, this stuff will be huge." Just like the plague.

—P.J. Conlin



"Well, have you thought about chemical peels?"

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God Is My Copublisher

The gospel according to Christian magazines

Does the spirit move you to write for Christian magazines? The path may be narrow, but the road to enlightenment offers salvation, nourishment for the soul, and a really odd tear sheet. (All information taken verbatim from writer's guidelines and/or *Writer's Market* 1996.) And they say Jews control the media.—David Potorti

Journal of Christian Camping

Mandate: "Practical applications of Scriptural principles to everyday situations in camping."

Commandments: "Appropriate jokes and cartoons are welcome."

Cardinal Sins: "No preaching."

Sharing the Victory

Mandate: "...to encourage and enable athletes and coaches at all levels to take their faith seriously on and off the 'field.'"

Commandments: "It's important females and other minorities be included."

Cardinal Sins: "No sappy articles of 'I became a Christian and now I'm a winner.'"

Touch

Mandate: "To bring girls into a living relationship with Jesus Christ."

Commandments: "The theme for 1996-97 is 'Filled Up—and Running Over.'"

Cardinal Sins: "We do not want stories that always have a good ending."

Live

Mandate: "We want multinational, ethnic, urban, and inter-

cultural characters...an element of conflict is necessary in fiction."

Commandments: "We do not accept science or Bible fiction."

Cardinal Sins: "Do not mention Santa Claus, Halloween, or Easter bunnies."

Cornerstone

Mandate: "Creative fiction is begging for more Christian participation."

Commandments: "Articles may express Christian worldview but should not be unrealistic or 'syrupy.'"

Cardinal Sins: "Other than porn, the sky's the limit."

Signs of the Times

Mandate: "Its intended audience is the non-churchgoing North American public."

Commandments: "If it's of interest to God... it's of interest to *Signs of the Times*!"

Cardinal Sins: "Don't write about suffering if you haven't suffered. Don't write about prayer if

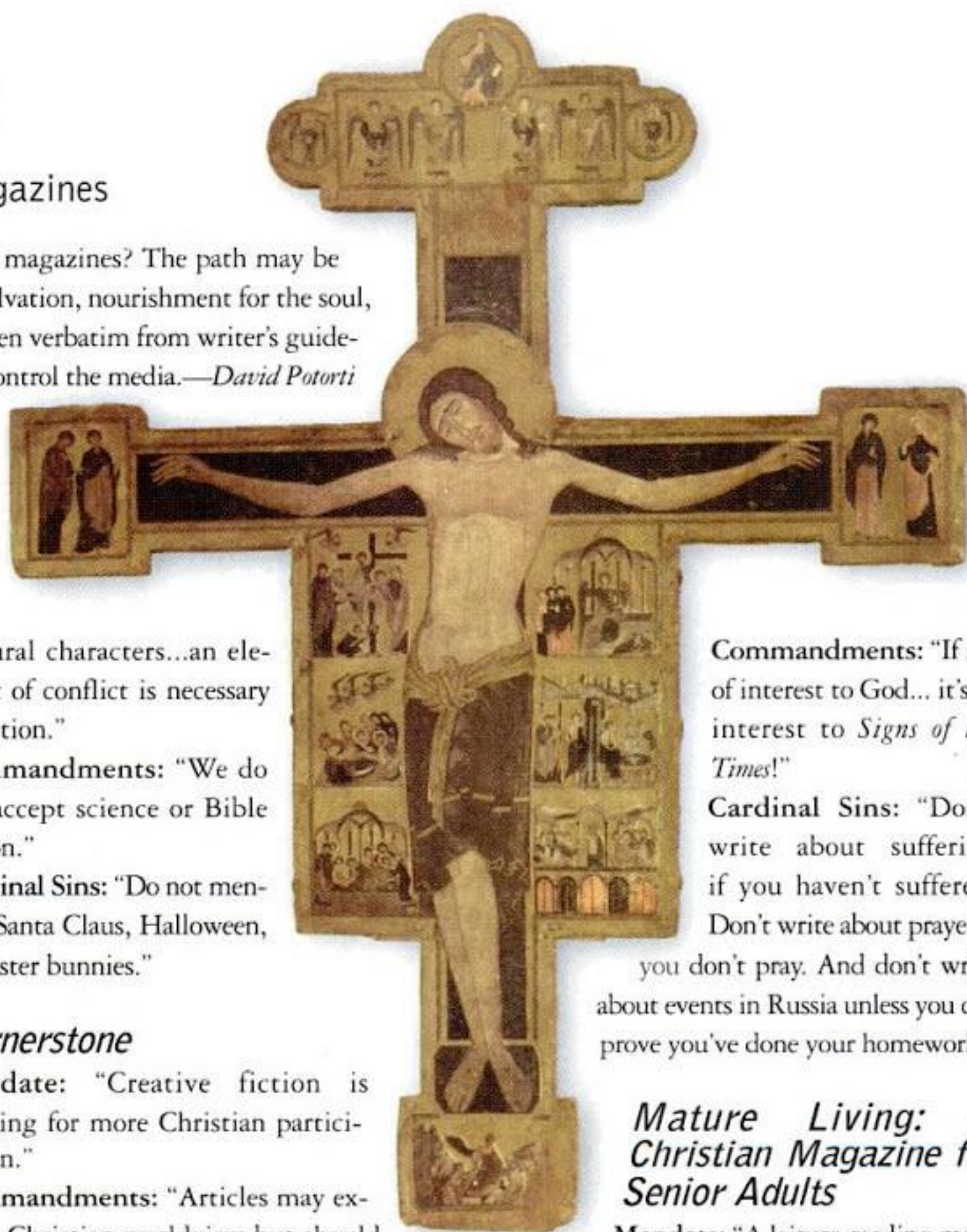
you don't pray. And don't write about events in Russia unless you can prove you've done your homework."

Mature Living: A Christian Magazine for Senior Adults

Mandate: "A leisure-reading magazine designed for senior adults 50 and older."

Commandments: "Unique, creative manuscripts that are characterized by human interest."

Cardinal Sins: "No pornography, profanity, occult, liquor, dancing, drugs, gambling. No book reviews."



White Noise

Betty Enters Techno Babylon

Obviously, the situation today is vastly more complex. The stakes have increased by geometric progression, as has the number of players, but the fact remains that a new technological monster is coming on-

stage and no one has any clear idea of what part it will play. Will broadcasters, once again, have to retool to accommodate those who opt for the new toy? Will the numbers balance out?"—*Taken from Here We Go Again, by Betty White*

Bright Lights, Big Titties

After This, We've Got Tickets to *Cats*

Tourists eschew the Circle Line for Manhattan's bondage scene

The walls are black inside the Vault, Manhattan's "premiere S&M club," but the naked men stand out. Primarily because of their unclothed state, but also because they rub up and down on their phalluses with dispirited abandon.

So what does this debauched crowd have to say about it all? The standard response seems to be "I'm from New Jersey. I heard this place was something to see."

You, too, may have seen the Vault—unwittingly of course. Recall the New York club scenes in *Single White Female* and in the pilot for *Central Park West*. You might even know someone who's visited the Vault in the four years since it settled in the heart of New York's meatpacking district. With lots of out-of-towners gawking, and gratuitous tales of celebrity appearances, it's now carved a niche as the tourist trap of S&M clubs. Hard Rock Cafe, indeed.

Tony the bouncer elaborates: "I'm talking about actors, famous actors. Richard Dreyfuss was here."

And do they come back?

"Yeah, Richard Dreyfuss comes back."

Upstairs, there's no sign of Mr. Holland's bullwhip, but the Gap-clad crowd stares sheepishly at the floor, preparing for a slave auction.

Tonight, five male slaves have offered themselves up to the clutches of mistresses (this *is* straight night). The first, a barely postpubescent fellow with a long ponytail and a pierced tongue, steps up to the stage,

drops his polka-dot boxers, and is sold to Mistress Kitty for 1,000 credits (obtainable at the bar when you buy a soda or juice).

Later, Pierced-Tongue Boy explains that he's 19 and from central Jersey. "This is my first time. I heard it was something to see."

There is something to see on the second floor, the couples-only level: Bras and panties hang from exposed pipes, lending an erotic aura otherwise found only at, say, department stores.

The majority of patrons at the Hellfire club, a Vault competitor, are not voyeurs but actual S&M aficionados. Up to 75 percent of the patrons are regulars, according to Lenny, the gray-bearded manager who keeps the place open on Christmas and New Year's Eve "for the people who have nowhere else to go." So if the Vault is the Planet Hollywood of S&M, this must be Cheers. So what if Diane is naked?

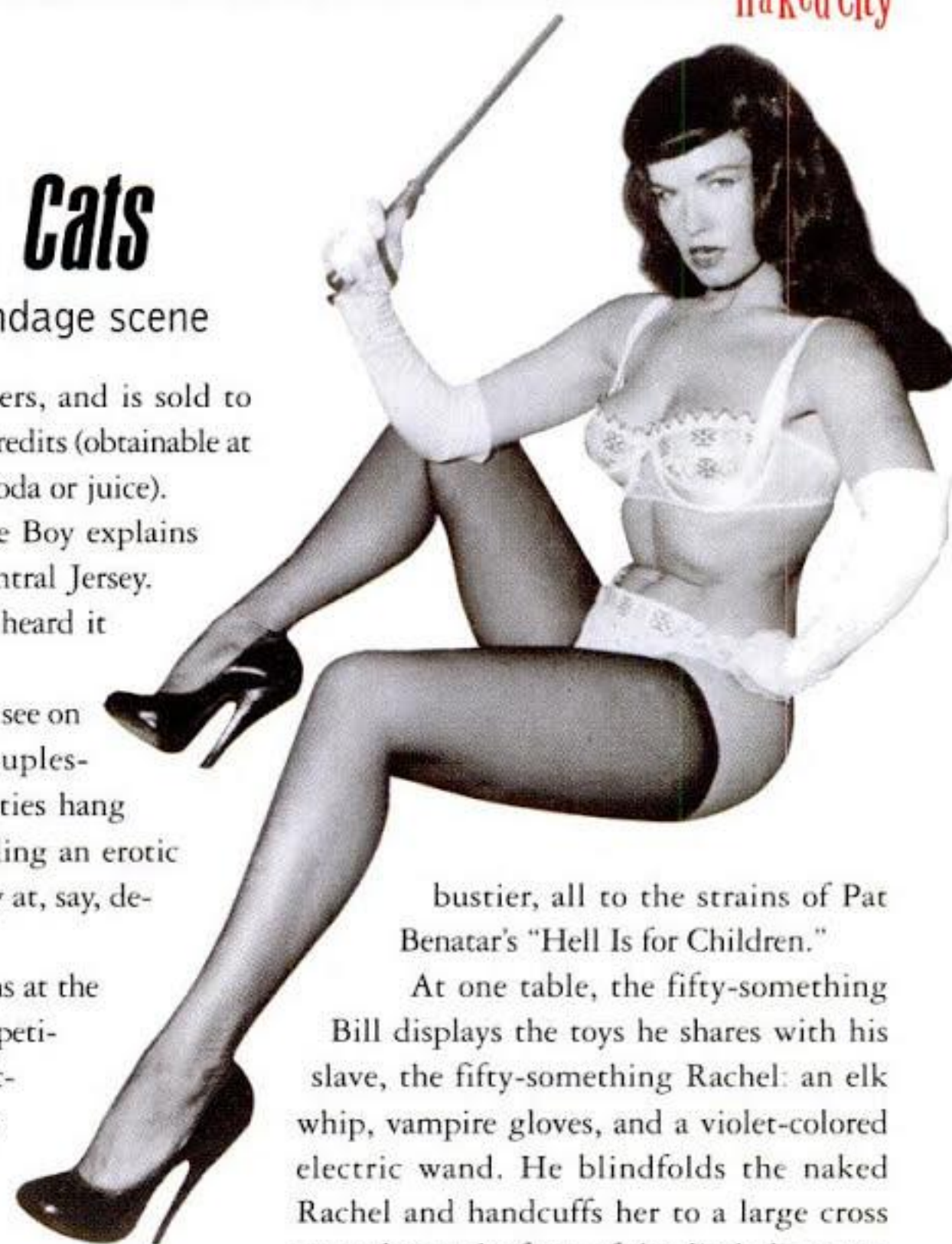
Hall & Oates croon "Say It Isn't So" while a 35-year-old woman ties a transvestite to a black fence. A senior citizen, male, chains a blindfolded young woman to a swing and pours hot wax down the front of her red

bustier, all to the strains of Pat Benatar's "Hell Is for Children."

At one table, the fifty-something Bill displays the toys he shares with his slave, the fifty-something Rachel: an elk whip, vampire gloves, and a violet-colored electric wand. He blindfolds the naked Rachel and handcuffs her to a large cross erected near the front of the dimly lit room. He puts on the gloves with tacks on the fingers and massages her body. He runs the electric wand all over her nakedness. He whips her groin—gently—with his elk whip.

Bill explains that he and Rachel come here a couple times a month, after dinner at a nice restaurant.

"This is the kind of place where you can meet people and continue a relationship," explains Lenny the manager. "Not everyone will, though. Take submissives. They're funny—they'll sit there and drool over a mistress all night. God forbid they would get up, walk over and say hi."—Darcy Lockman



Separated at Birth?



Toothy farmer Jimmy Carter...



...and goofy landlord Don Knotts?



Balmy talking head Katie Couric...



...and embalmed walking dead Herman Munster?



Singing simpleton Paul Williams...



...and somber simian Dr. Zaius?



Reservoir dog Quentin Tarantino...



...and sex kitten Madam?



Cajun crooner Harry Connick, Jr....



...and cagey shooter Lee Harvey Oswald?

Dead Meat Walking

Mean Old Slaughterhouses Get Happy Image Makeovers

Shackled veal bad, free-range veal good

George Bush would surely approve of the new live-stock trend that is taking the country's supermarkets by storm. Whether you call it "happy meat" or "a kinder, gentler steak," stores like Safeway, Giant, and Food Emporium are stocking animal produce that has been brought to market with some concern for the animals' welfare.

The trend represents a movement away from the most intensive, artificial methods of meat production. In spite of many Americans' nostalgic vision of a Jeffersonian agrarian society founded on the virtues of the family farm, almost all meat consumed in this country has passed through the machinery of the factory-farm conglomerates. Regulations are sparse and ineffective: Consider that, because trains were the dominant mode of transport when Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle* spurred this country's only major reform of the livestock industry, almost no regulations today apply to transporting farm animals by truck.

Coleman Natural Beef claims to be different. Their brochure intones: "We strongly believe that the humane treatment and handling of animals results in better tasting products. And besides, it's the right thing to do." On closer scrutiny, some of Coleman's "humane" techniques are limited to requiring "cattle to have sufficient space in our shipping trailers to prevent overcrowding" and to making sure the exhaust stacks are high enough so fumes don't

enter the trailer." Coleman's sales topped \$40 million last year.

But no matter their travel accommodations, cattle at thousands of slaughterhouses nationwide still meet their maker at the end of a poleax.

The close confinement of veal calves has raised the hackles of those with only the dimmest stirrings of animal-rights consciousness. But does Pacific Pastures have an alternative solution? Yes, this California company does sell the once-thought mythical "brown veal," the flesh of a young cow that has been allowed to roam a little in the sunshine and eat some grass. But to what degree is the veal's short life improved when it is being given a Marsala bath in your kitchen?

"Terms like free range, they sound like Disney Fantasyland, and that's about what they are," says Karen Davis, founder of United Poultry Concerns. Davis believes animal welfare advocates should lead people toward eliminating animal products from their diets altogether, rather than implicitly encouraging them to seek out a meat supplier who doesn't offend their moral palates. "Even under the best of circumstances, the animals' essential natures are still suppressed," says Davis.

People feel good because they imagine the birds strutting in the low grass, clucking in the sun. Reality often comes closer to 100,000 Foghorn Leghorns crammed together on a gymnasium floor.—David U. Andrews

TO COMPETE IN THE OLYMPICS, ONE NEEDS STAMINA, STRENGTH, AND A CLEAN URINE SAMPLE. HEY, SOUNDS LIKE THE RACE FOR THE PRESIDENCY! MAYBE WE SHOULD COMBINE THE TWO...

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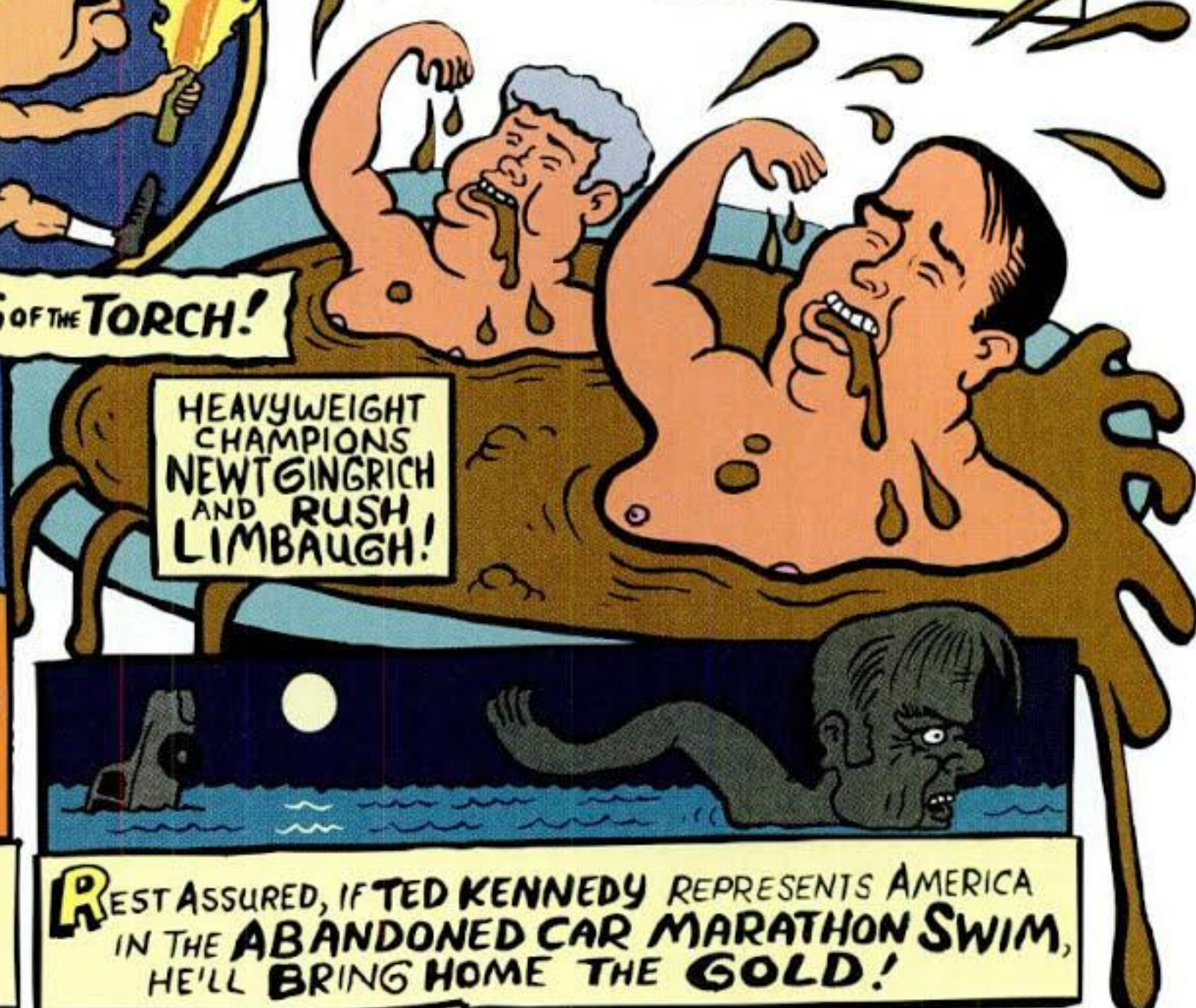


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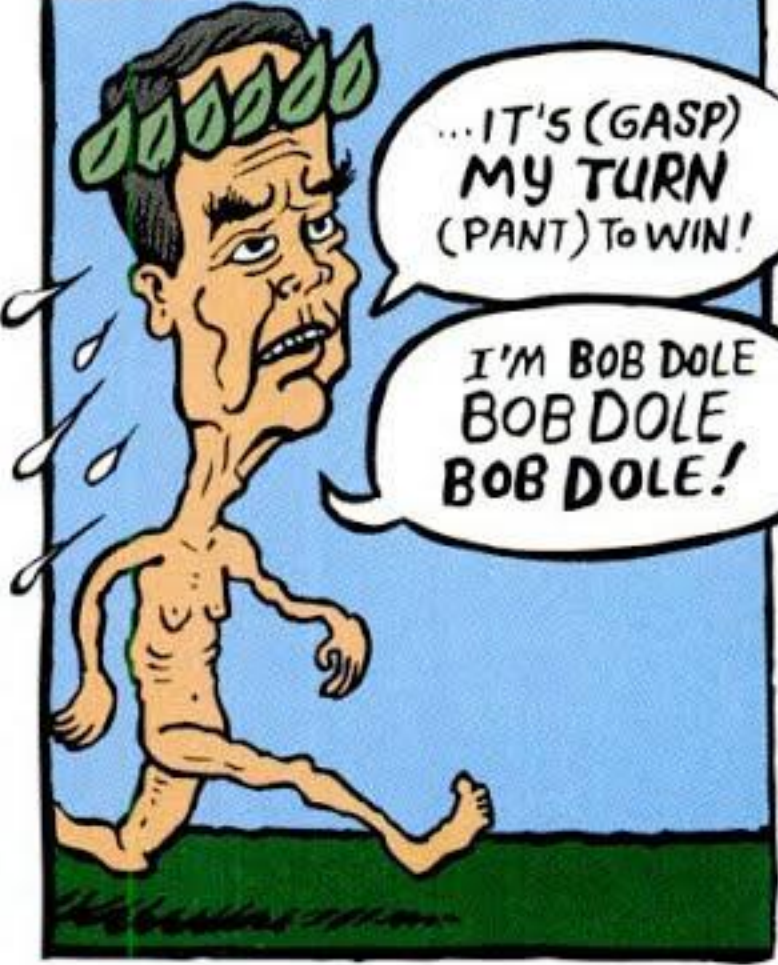
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Toilet Paper Tiger

Dick Wilson, a.k.a. Mr. Whipple, squeezes SPY into his schedule



SPY: Dick Wilson, long time no see. Where you been?

Dick Wilson: Well, a year and a half ago, I had a bad fall...[and] retired completely.

SPY: How long did you play Mr. Whipple?

DW: I did 504 spots in 25 years. I call it 25 years of undetected crime because I was paid for it and it was lovely.

SPY: Do you have all those Charmin commercials on tape?

DW: Yeah, but I can't find anyone who'll spend a whole night looking at them.

SPY: How did it feel to know your face was synonymous with toilet paper?

DW: It was fine...and it *is* a good product. I used to say, "It's toilet paper to you, but it's bread and butter to me."

SPY: I read that Procter & Gamble cut off your lifetime supply of Charmin for a while. What was the deal?

DW: I used to get a couple of cases of toilet paper every three or four months. It continued for three or four years into my retirement and then stopped. Somebody came here and asked me about it and said, "I'm going to call Procter and Gamble," and he did. He called them and it started all over again.

SPY: There are so many different kinds of Charmin now. Unscented, the one with aloe vera in it, Charmin Ultra...which do you prefer?

DW: I don't care what they send. Just fill the shelves. I never peruse toilet paper that closely. Especially after it's used.

SPY: A lot of us have never forgiven P&G for getting rid of you.

DW: I was replaced by a cartoon and then by two cats. It must have taken months to train those cats. They could have had me back and not had to train me.

SPY: Mr. Whipple really was a cultural icon. You were at least as big as Josephine the Plumber.

DW: I did my first picture with her in 1932.

SPY: With Jane Withers? She was on *The Munsters* a couple of times.

DW: I played a cop on *The Munsters*. I was the drunk on *Bewitched*. I was Colonel Gruber on *Hogan's Heroes*. I was Dino Baroni on *McHale's Navy*....

SPY: Were you in *The Ghost and Mr. Chicken*?

DW: Yes, I loved working with Don Knotts. We did *The Shakiest Gun in the West* together, too. I did about 87 pictures, 30-some westerns.

SPY: How old are you?

DW: I'll be 80 on my next birthday. July 30th. Size 16 shirt.

SPY: How does it feel to be that old?

DW: Considering the alternative, it's marvelous. ☺

Need to Know

Top or Bottom?

SURVEY SEZ:

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CHACHI	12%
WHAT?	5%



Cultural Flashcards

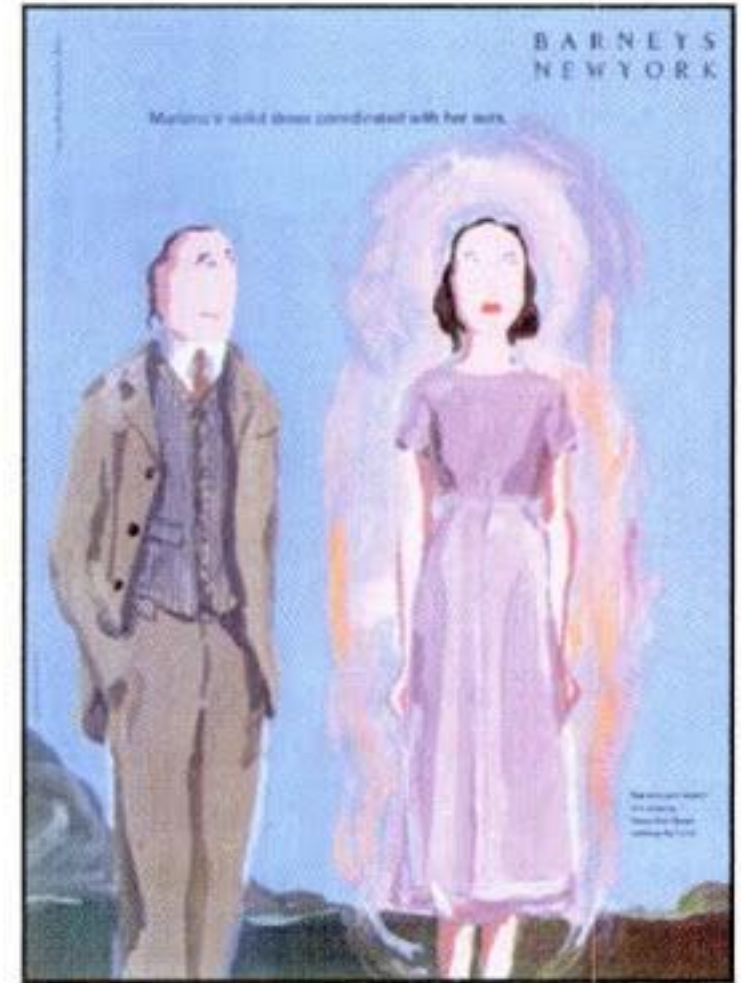
A Brief History of Time, Chapter 11



Paleolithic



Jurassic



Potentially Extinct

Kitsch and Tell

Cowboy Junk Collector

Shop till you drop with the irrepressible Rex Reed!

Columnist. Critic. Connoisseur. Camp superstar. Rex Reed has seen, met, and done it all...and he surely has the souvenirs to prove it. But it's spring, and like the rest of us, the man who has been called "the Gore Vidal of the Cherry Grove set" is cleaning out his oh-so-crowded closet. How thrilling it would be for his legions of fans—as well as bargain hunters—to be there on the day when this giant of letters, this leading man of film critics, this truly New York observer, puts his tchotchkes on the block and sells a lifetime's worth of one-of-a-kind treasures.

If you missed the eight-car garage sale at Liberace's, you won't want to miss this event.



Here's a sample of the unbelievable bargains:

- Original bar of soap used by Puerto Rican Indian in shower scene from *Can't Stop the Music*...\$7
- Jaye P. Morgan's *Gong Show* mallet...\$135
- Rainbow Room cocktail napkin personally smudged by Blossom Dearie.....\$12
- Leftover feminine hygiene products from *Carrie: The Musical*.....\$9
- Myra Breckinridge lobby cards (autographed).....\$20 each
- Unfinished manuscript of *Watch on the Rhine: The Wonderful Career of an Actress Named Valerie*.....\$2
- Plastic fruit worn on Bette Midler's head during first Continental Baths engagement.....\$20 a bunch
- Recycled tinsel from Karen Akers' Douglas fir Christmas tree.....\$2 a bag
- Sampler pillow embroidered with the word FABULOUS!.....\$15
- Halston sequins dislodged from Liza Minnelli during her Radio City Music Hall concerts.....\$1 each
- Anatomically correct pictures of pianist Bobby Short.....\$7

The Boob Tube, and Then Some

"OOOH, STARKY," HUTCH COOED, his pulsing pectorals tensing with every movement of Starky's well-trained hands. This was not the first time the two detectives had showered together, but it was the first time they had been bold enough to lather up at police headquarters.

Even if you think you've seen every episode of *The Flintstones*, you probably missed the one where Fred goes out bowling while Wilma stays home and pleasures herself with a nine-inch saber tooth. No matter how much of your life was wasted in front of *Three's Company*, odds are you don't remember the one where Mr. Furley spikes Janet's diet soda with codeine and takes advantage of her in the back of the flower shop. And no matter how big a fan you were of the short-lived underwater action series *SeaQuest*, you didn't catch Lucas losing his virginity to two swarthy Brazilian male prostitutes.

Before you go reaching for your V-chip, chill—these scenes never actually aired on television. But they do exist. They can be found—where else?—on the Internet. Despite what you may have heard about the outré perversities of cyberporn, the *really* bizarre stuff on-line

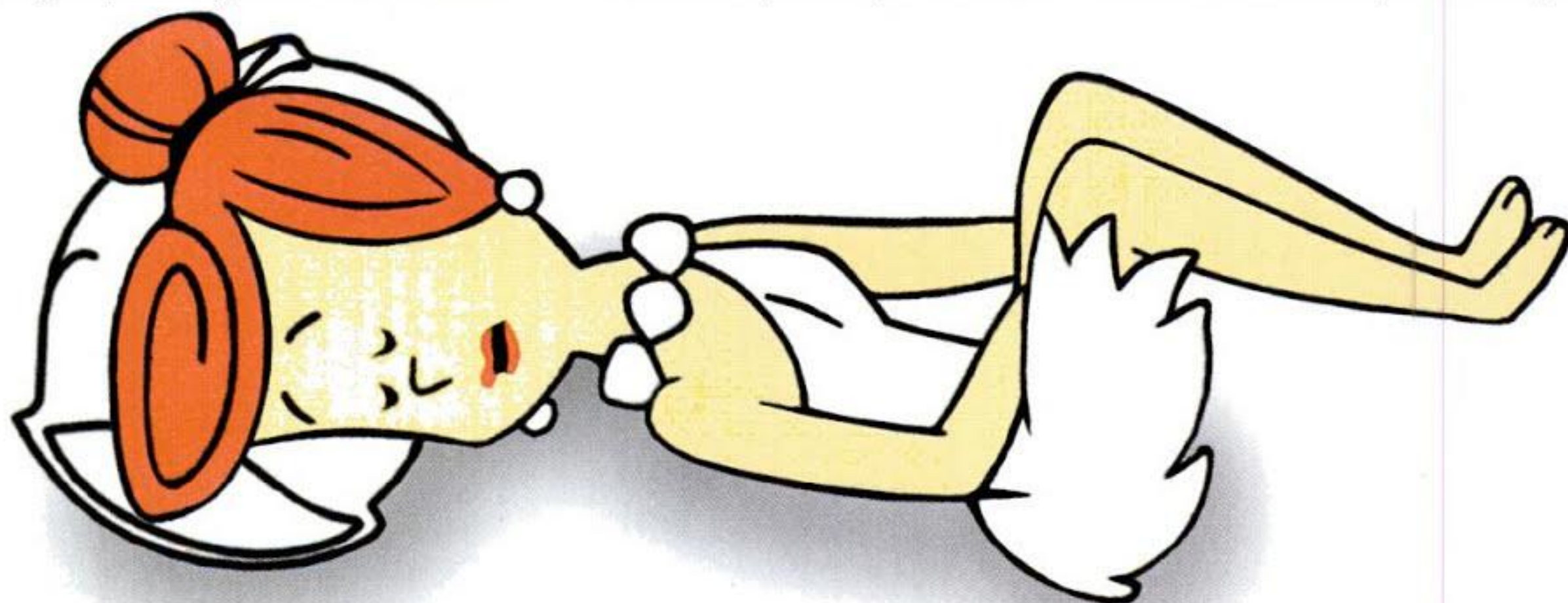
has nothing to do with sweaty pedophiles, well-endowed Great Danes, or Anglo-Saxon love slaves in the United Arab Emirates. Rather, the hottest thing in cyberspace is, quite simply, TV characters doing it.

Erotic fan fiction is not a new phenomenon. For decades, devotees of various TV series have been appropriating their favorite characters for their own narratives and exploring possibilities that never seem to occur to the shows' writers and producers. For years, *Star Trek* fans have wondered aloud, "What would happen if Spock went into Pon Farr [the Vulcan equivalent of heat] and the only other person on the planet was Captain Kirk?" And salacious cop-buddy aficionados imagined, "What if Starsky and Hutch had to pose as lovers in order to infiltrate the gay underworld?" You know, *those* types of possibilities.

What is new, however, is the instant

circulation boost that the Net offers would-be publishers. In the past, fan fiction was the domain of tiny 'zines, its readership limited by the number of dimes the editors had available for the copy machine. Slash stories, as they came to be known (as in "Kirk/Spock" or "Starsky/Hutch"), were traded among friends or occasionally offered for sale at conventions. Sort of a Harlequin romance for the deviant set, "slash" was written almost exclusively by and for women and typically described rollicking man-to-man adventures. But still, slash was something of a secret even within the already furtive world of fandom.

IN THE LAST COUPLE of years, however, slash has gone on-line, allowing impoverished authors to distribute these stories to a potential audience of hundreds of millions. Now anyone with a modem can seek out, and add to, the



growing library of quite unauthorized stories featuring theoretically copyrighted characters.

The cynic's perception of the Internet—a not entirely unjustified perception—is that this geek-laden universe is largely given over to the S words: sex, strangeness, and *Star Trek*. Cyberslash, then, is the very essence of the Net. While other slash stories are randomly scattered across cyberspace, Trekkers have their own private orgy room, the Usenet newsgroup alt.sex.fetish.startrek. If you *must* know what really goes on in the holodeck, or if you've always wanted to hear Lieutenant Worf mutter, "Hmmm, Klingon boys can take that!" over the lifeless body of Wesley Crusher, then this is indeed the final frontier.

Of course, not all fan fiction is the kind of low-minded, highly descriptive smut that would make free-speech curber Senator Jim Exon think twice about letting his kids watch the Cartoon Network. A lot of these stories are the work of earnest fans who just want to take their favorite characters out for a test drive. The ever growing on-line community of X-Philes, for instance, is a lot more interested in little green men from outer space than the big pink man from David Duchovny's pants. There's some of that to be sure—hey, who could resist titles like "The Sex-Files" and "The XXX-Files"?—but for the most part, *X-Files* fans are almost alarmingly chaste.

While cultish science fiction shows are the mainstay of slash, they are by no means the only inspirations. Occasionally the impulse makes sense within the context of the source material. When *My So-Called Life* was canceled before Angela could lose her virginity, the author of "My So-Called Sex Life" went ahead and let us know how it surely *would* have happened. Yes, Jordan uses a condom, and yes, Nine Inch Nails is playing on his car stereo.

More often, though, fans just get off on the idea of TV people getting it on. Especially if they're really hot TV people and there are enough of them to rotate into diverse combinations, which is probably why *Friends* makes such a strong showing in cyberspace. If the only reason

you watch this show is in anticipation of that unlikely moment when Jennifer Aniston walks into the apartment while Courteney Cox is taking a shower (and what other reason is there?), turn off your TV and turn on your modem—you won't be disappointed.

Be warned, though, that a slash writer with an insufficient grasp of a show's minutiae can undermine the fantasy with one slightly inconsistent detail. The author of "More Than Just Friends" does a passable job of erotica when he writes, "The tips of [Rachel's] thumbs lightly traced concentric circles around each nipple until they became erect," but any true *Friends* fan would know that there is *never* a moment when Rachel's nipples are not already erect. It's in her contract.

A TELEVISION SHOW doesn't have to feature *People* magazine's sexiest stars of the year in order to inspire on-line fantasizing. Essentially, it just has to be...on television. "Horny with Children." "Three's Really Company." "Home Improvement's Big Tool Time." "A Very Brady Orgy" (" 'Oh Marcia,' moaned Jan, 'Marcia! Marcia! Marcia!' "). Even the kiddie shows—especially the kiddie shows, Senator Exon might say—get worked over. "Clarissa Gives It Up." *The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers*' S&M treatment, "Agony in Pink."

For the Nick at Nite set, there's the only *Andy Griffith* episode where Floyd says, "Hold still, Barney, I have some summer sausage for you!" and a *Mary Tyler Moore* story that begins with Mary helping Mr. Grant work off some stress under his desk ("It's not in my job description, but...") and ends with Mary throwing the first successful party of her life.

It is, however, possible to take this kind of thing too far. The charmingly titled "QVC Quims" is one thing ("Hi, I'm Judy, and I'm sure our regular viewers are wondering why I'm wearing only this flimsy nightie and a pair of our popular line of stockings"), but surely no television viewer is perverse enough to care what makes Tony the Tiger say, "Grrrrreat!" —Daniel Radosh

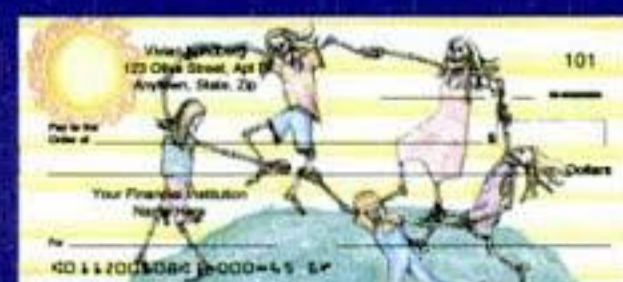
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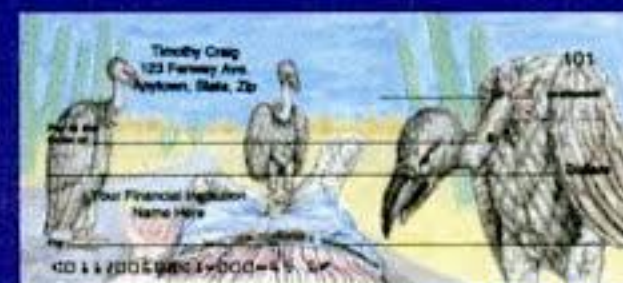
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Ms. Huffington Goes Back on the Dole

DENIED A SENATE SEAT IN CALIFORNIA, even with a \$30 million campaign

war chest, New Age plutocrats Michael and Arianna Huffington still gets crazy cash, judging by a recent party at their Washington digs, which is an improbable hybrid of ski lodge and slave mansion.

OSTENSIBLY A BOOK launch for a reporter at the right-wing Moonie-owned *Washington Times*—the leak sheet of record for the Republican Congress—the gathering was in fact a long-awaited peace ceremony.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, looking more like a walnut with every passing year, showed up for a reconciliation where Zsa Zsa Gabor manqué Arianna could finally remove the hatchet she had planted in the old man's back when she vilified him in the *Wall Street Journal*. It seems Dole isn't mean or heartless enough for the New Right.

An uncharacteristically cheerful Dole, his omnipresent pen gripped tightly in his war-wounded right hand, walked into the foyer, greeted by Ms. Huffington and her formidable clique of porcelain-pussed Arianna-bes. The warmth of the moment was touching to all present. As one observer remarked, "He didn't drive his pen into her eyeball."

The party was a veritable auction block of Reagan, Nixon, and Bush castoffs waiting out their White House exiles and assorted journalists busy sucking down free booze and hors d'oeuvres like pilot fish nibbling treats off their host shark's slippery hide.

The fourth estate contingent included pint-sized plagiarist

Ruth "Clueless" Shalit, the Alicia Silverstone of Washington journalism, who skittered from room to room on the arm of her well-groomed *New Republic* boy escort, telling inquirers she's, like, hard at work on a story about Bob Packwood for *GQ*.

This news was greeted morosely by other ink-stained louts in poorly chosen suits who sniped safely out of earshot at the baby wolverine of the Capitol press corps. Shalit, a 25-year-old contributing editor who never tires of telling people how young she is, keeps getting caught cribbing but always seems to get off with

a slap on the wrist.

Shalit has responded with the modern plagiarist's perfect alibi: the Downloading Defense. She swears a few words from research articles stashed in her computer have inadvertently wound up in her original text. Darn the luck, wouldn't you know it's happened *three* times. As *Wall Street Journal* Washington Bureau Chief Al Hunt said in a recent speech, "This is more than a downloading problem."

EVEN SO, Shalit can melt the most hard-bitten male skeptic. Take her patron saint at *GQ*, editor Art Cooper, who signed the hot young political reporter to a \$45,000 contract and declared it a coup. Shalit repays the gift at times by giving the magazine's editors and fact checkers fits—stalling in the face of research department requests to provide standard source materials. Whatever damage her methods may be inflicting on *GQ*'s reputation, her boss seems to find it all so charming and delightful.

"She talks in Val-speak and shows up in the office in these short little cutie-pie dresses and with this 'Ohmigod!' attitude," says one person familiar with the baffling relationship, "and Art Cooper just eats it up."

Shalit built her journalistic

BOB AND I HAVE DECIDED TO BURY THE HATCHET... FIRST I HAVE TO REMOVE IT FROM HIS BACK...



reputation on a talent for narrative—dare we say artistic?—panache and an eye for telling detail. "Except that the first draft round would be completely wrong," says our source. "They'd call somebody up and ask, 'Do you have glass shelves with statues?' and they'd say, 'No, I'm in a white room with wood paneling.'"

Should the publishing world tire of Shalit's dubious antics, there is another Shalit waiting to claim her richly undeserved place. Baby sister Wendy Shalit, a sophomore at Williams College, has already levered herself into the neo-conclave, having performed the required rite of entrance for aspiring Kissingerites by getting herself published in Irving Kristol's dried-up dunce-politick rag, *Commentary*. And she's made it clear to all she won't be outdone by sis.

The Shalit sisters, by all accounts, despise one another and have taken sibling rivalry to a level Baby Jane would admire. Call it *Cents and Sensibility*. Wendy, having survived whatever attempts Ruth might have made on her in the crib, is not waiting for a college degree to get out front. The younger, prettier Shalit has taken up with Norman Podhoretz's pudgy and somewhat less attractive son, John Podhoretz, a frustrated screenwriter-type who edits the *Weekly Standard*, magnate Rupert Murdoch's overfunded magazine for politically buff Republican centerfolds.

SPEAKING OF editors-at-largesse, Washington is still in a tizzy over the over-exposed *Primary Colors*, a vicious satire of the 1992 Clinton campaign written by an anonymous scribe with uncomfortably intimate knowledge of the Clinton camp. Who did it? Was it Stephanopoulos? Begala? Carville?

Probably not, since it had to be somebody with enough skill to pen something longer than a State of the Union address without a tutor present. My money says it was ex-White House spokesperson Dee Dee Myers. She has a motive: revenge, having been dumped from her press secretary gig. She has the means: We know she can scribble—she's penning pieces for *Vanity Fair*. And she certainly has enough free time.—*Crocker Jarmon*



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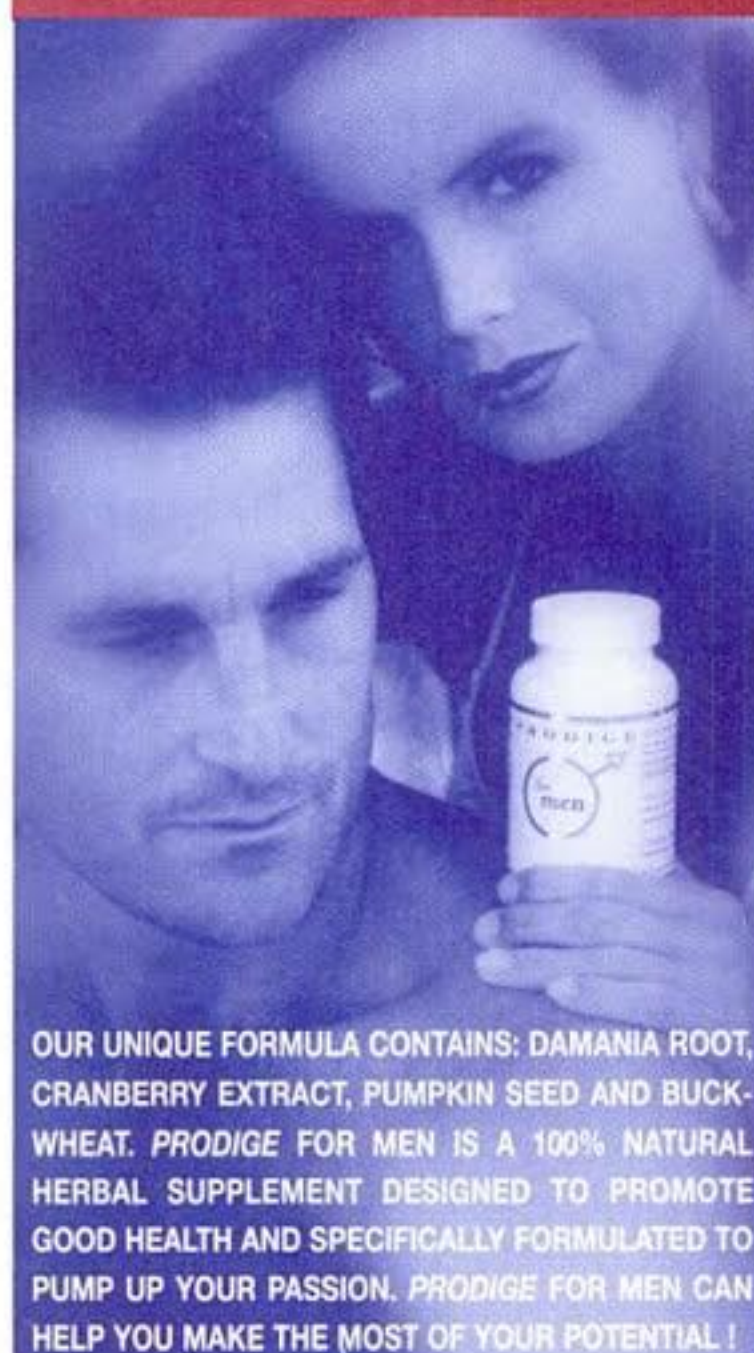
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Welcome to Macedonia. Writer John Reed called it "the most frightful mix-up of races ever imagined. Turks, Albanians, Serbs, Romanians, Greeks, and Bulgarians live there side by side without mingling and have done so since the days of St. Paul." Of course, in those days, the populace was not armed to the teeth with AK-47s and hand grenades. It's generally agreed that the fledgling country makes Bosnia look pastoral.

Then throw this into the mix: Macedonia has also been the source of such international political controversy that, until recently, it was the only member of the United Nations to have neither its name nor its flag recognized. It seems both violated *unofficial* copyright laws—the name Macedonia and the flag's star of Alexander the Great are coveted by Greece. So, in diplomatic circles, the country had been officially known as FYROM, or Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Now imagine you are the president.

I went to Skopje, the capital, to visit President Kiro Gligorov and discuss, er, job satisfaction. As the thick iron gates to his compound opened, the smil-

ing, silver-haired ex-communist gripped my right hand warmly. In the past 24 hours, he had signed an accord to end Greece's international blockade of his country and, as a result, had been awarded with full diplomatic recognition by the United States. His nationalist opponents, however, were making mutinous noises, claiming he had sold out the country. Just another day at the office.

FOUR YEARS OF GLIGOROV had given Macedonia a level of stability it had never before seen. But to set this new treaty in motion, Gligorov had to agree to overlook Greek mistreatment of ethnic Macedonians living in the Greek province of Macedonia. The treaty really cost

Gligorov at home. Outside his office on Independence Day, the streets of the capital were deserted. Thirty-foot red banners bearing the star of Alexander the Great slapped noisily in front of the parliament building for the last time—Gligorov had agreed to abandon the flag, too.

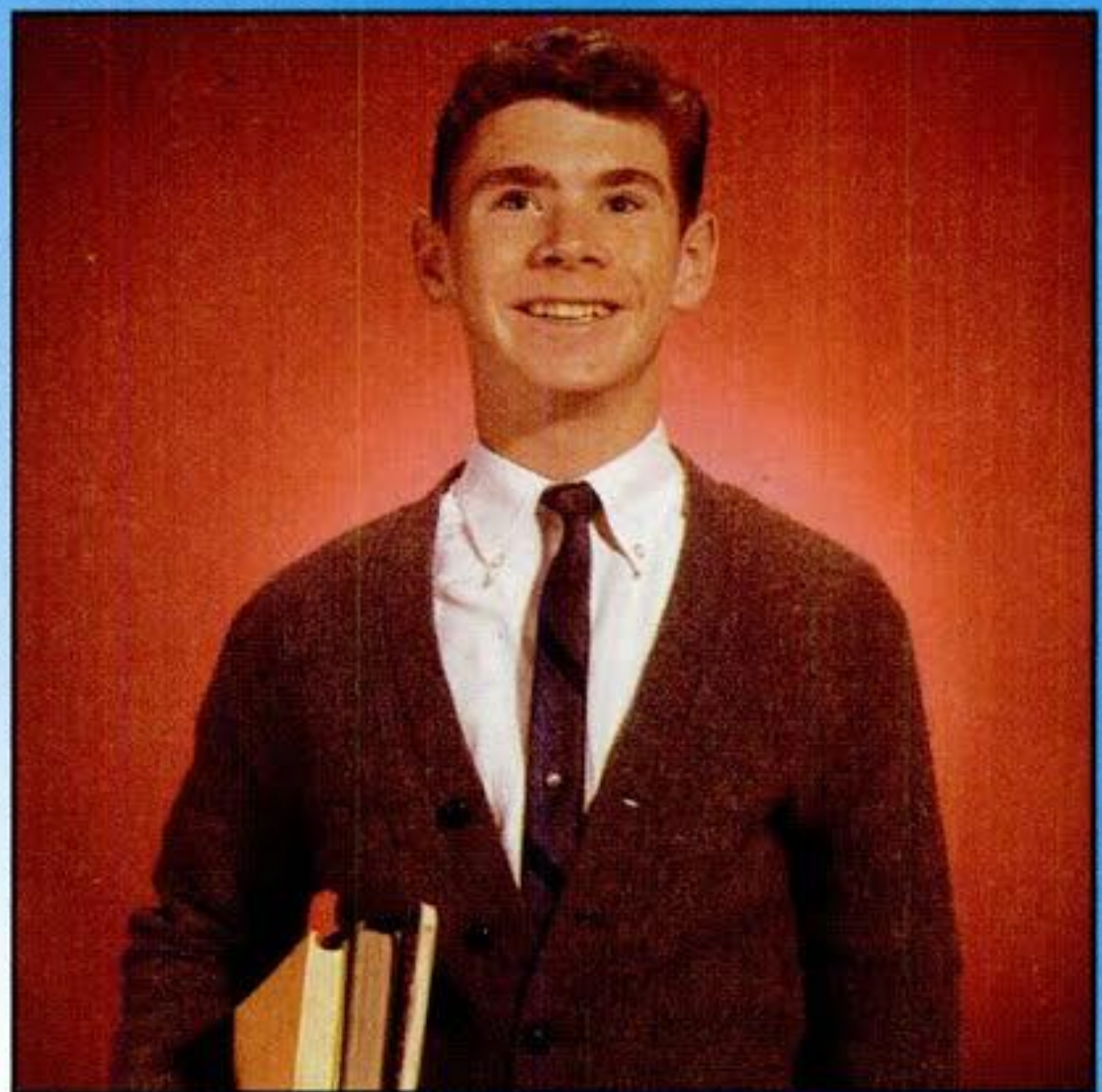
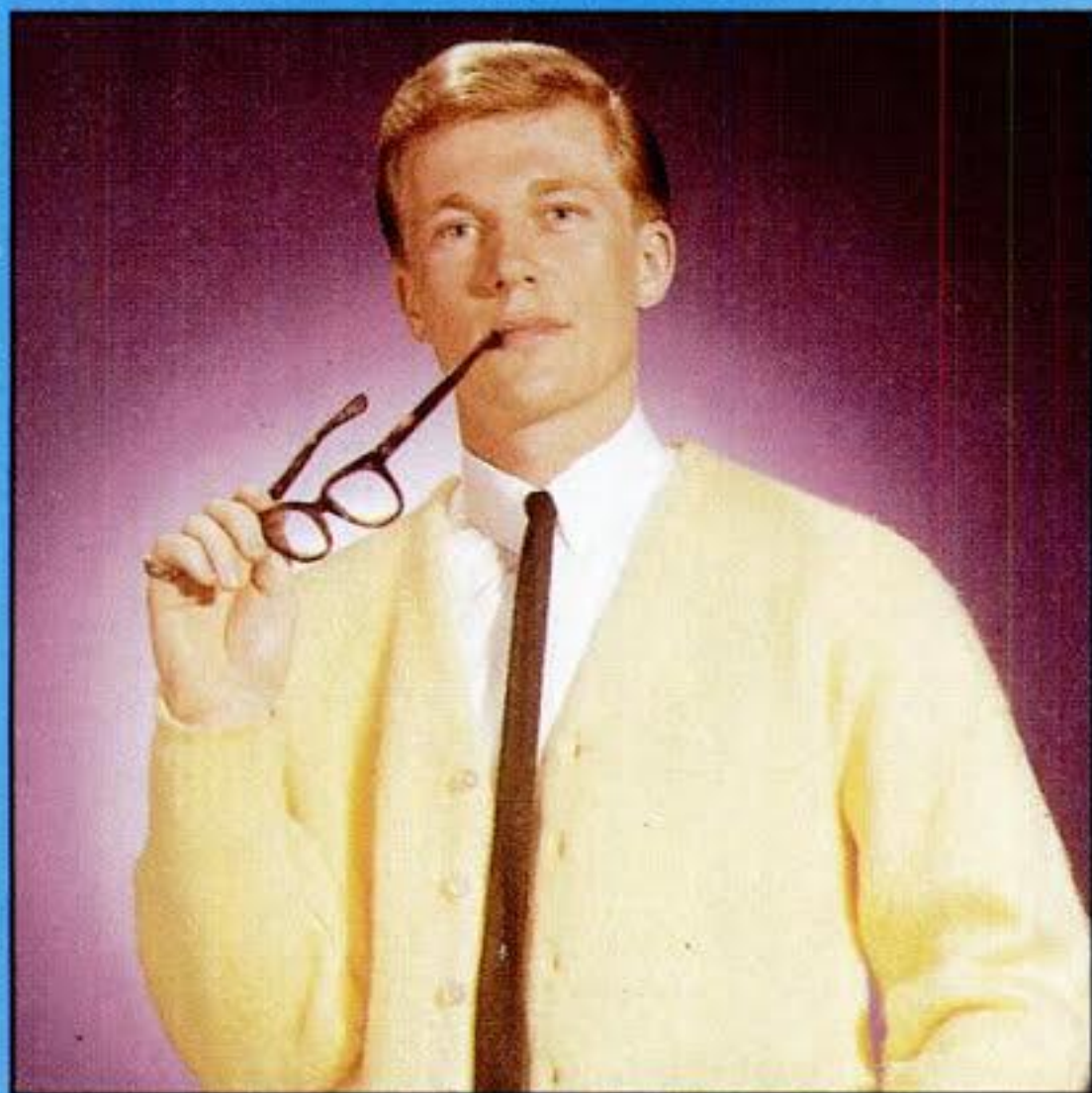
A few blocks away, at an open-air bistro, the last stanza of "Makadonska, Republica" segued smoothly into "Makadonia, Makadonia." Finally. The somber-faced klezmer band had played nothing else all night. Eight hooligans danced arm in arm and shouted the words like a football cheer. But when the clarinetist tried to switch to a familiar love ballad, one thug shook a finger at the trio and registered a request: "Makadonska, Republica!" "Makadonska, Republica" it was.

Before the ink on the Greek accord was dry, the office of an ethnic-Macedonian political party in Florina, Greece, was burned to the ground. The building's remains were still smoldering when I met with Gligorov. Two weeks later, a car bomb exploded next to his limousine, fracturing his skull and driving him from office. Send your résumé to Skopje.—Matthew Reiss



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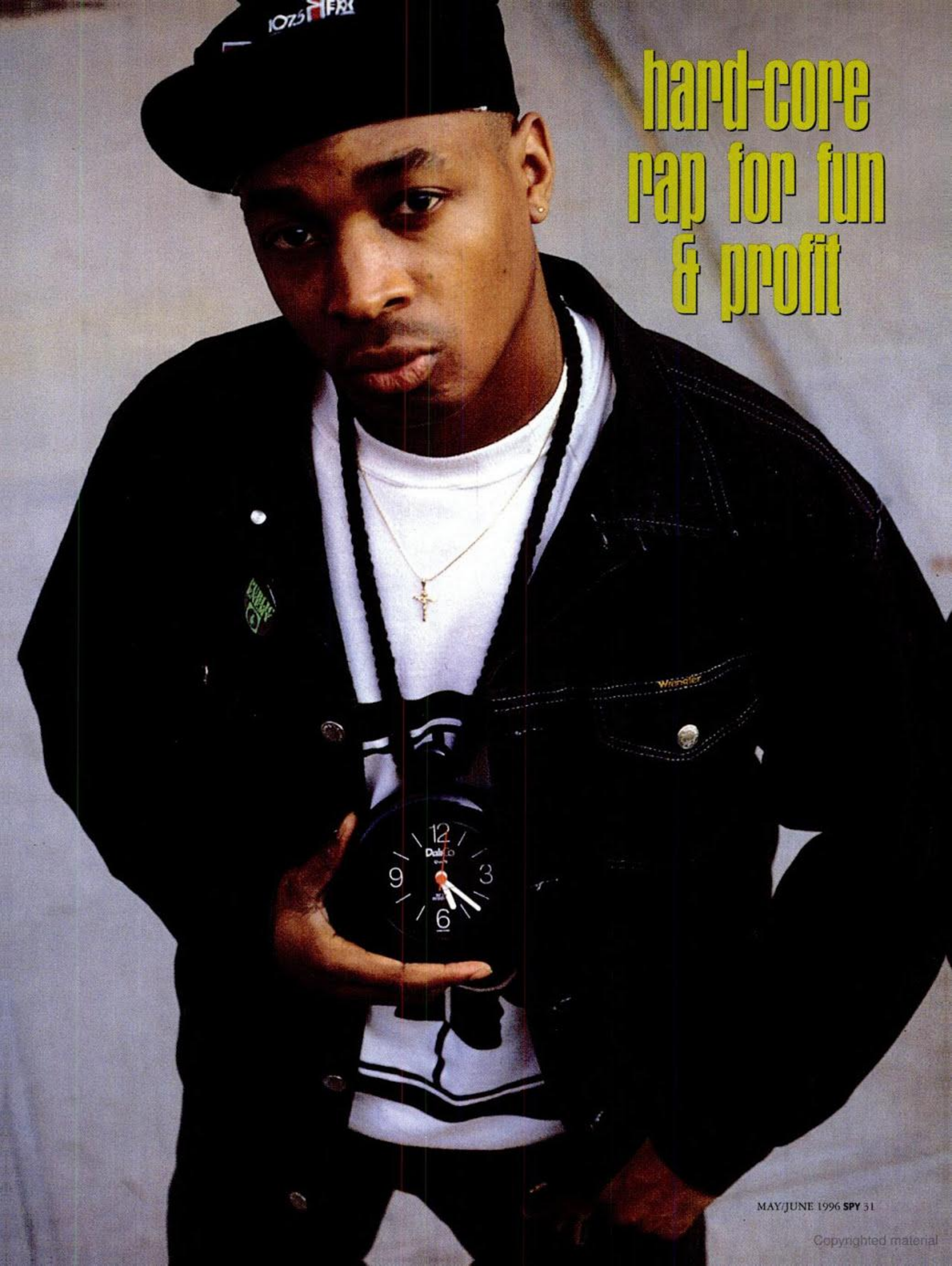
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glimpses from to STOCKS

By JONATHAN YEVIN

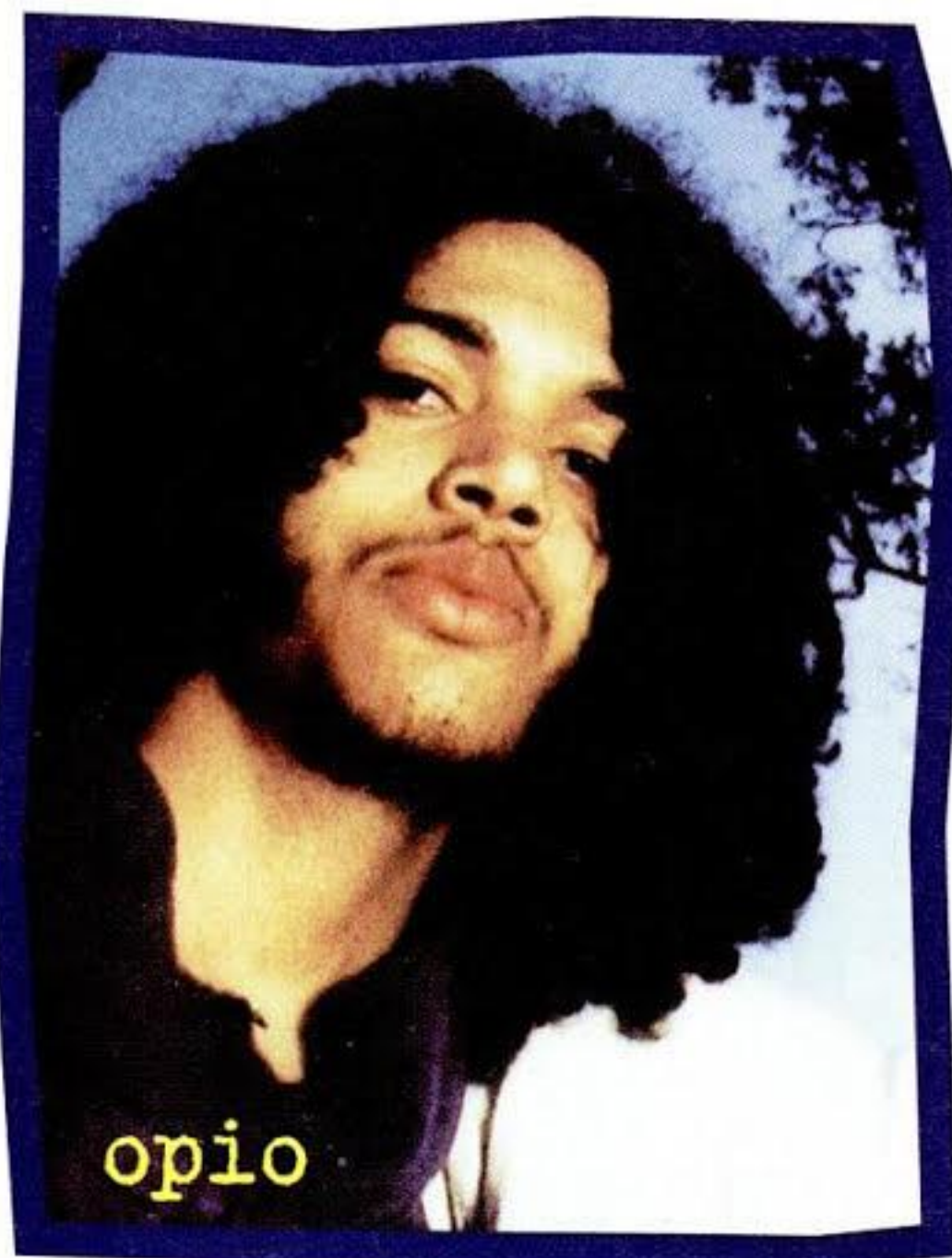


Of all the arenas in which thuggish hooligans can exercise their street-brawling nastiness, perhaps the most overlooked is the rough-and-tumble world of finances and investments. Just ask *Mutual Funds* magazine, which noted on a recent cover that "Tough Guys Finish First." To gain some insights into the philosophy of the tough-minded investor, SPY picked the brains of some of the most ferocious financiers around: hard-core rappers. Investment diversification? Rhymes with 'locked down at the station.' Mutual fund portfolio? Rhymes with 'dirty-ass ho'.' Remember G.: Word is bonds.



hard-core rap for fun & profit

"that's really chump change because niggas



OPIO is the leader of the Oakland-based group Souls of Mischief. *Vibe* magazine said that their debut album, '93 *'Til Infinity*, "attacked the ears with a keen balance of killer-bee aggression and kool-kid finesse."

Moneymaking Classics: "Where the F*** You At?" and "Hotel, Motel."

SPY: What's the most expensive thing you've bought?

Opio: My car, you know what I'm saying?

SPY: How loose are you with the cash?

Opio: Everybody gotta have fun, you know what I'm saying? Everybody gotta spend money, know what I'm saying? But at the same time, I'm smart. I got some investments 'n shit, know what I'm saying? That'll open up some doors in the future, know what I'm saying? Some people, know what I'm saying, just living for the moment. It all depends on how you live your life. If you like, I'm just gonna enjoy myself and live my life while I'm up here, know what I'm saying, that's all

good—that makes perfect sense. But me personally, know what I'm saying, I see myself till I'm 106, know what I'm saying? I need to have money for some time, know what I'm saying?

SPY: You mentioned investments. Are you worried that the stock market is overvalued now that the Dow has cracked 5000?

Opio: Uhh, see, I don't know nothing about the stock market. I don't fuck with that. I put some money into some shit where, know what I'm saying, I can get interest off it, where if I keep it in there for a certain amount of time, it doubles, know what I'm saying? But it's like that shit takes knowledge, you gotta read about it and all that, know what I'm saying? I

be reading *Money* magazine 'n shit. I might try taking some classes on that shit later on in the future, know what I'm saying, but me, I'm all about making money period.... Definitely I'm not just hell 'a flamboyant with my shit, just spending all my cash on champagne. I mean, a lot of my money, know what I'm saying—I smoke weed and do all that shit, know what I'm saying? I spend money on that, I spend money on clothes, whatever. Chillin' 'n shit. But at the same time, I got some money put away.

SPY: You mentioned being around till you're 106. How exactly are you planning for retirement? Do you have an IRA or a 401(k) plan?

Opio: When you sign with a record company, they don't give you shit—no insurance, none of that shit. Maybe you might be able to get it in your contract, know what I'm saying, they might do anything to sign certain people, but basically when you sign with a record company you don't get nothing—no dental, no medical—you don't get none of that shit. You gotta go out and get

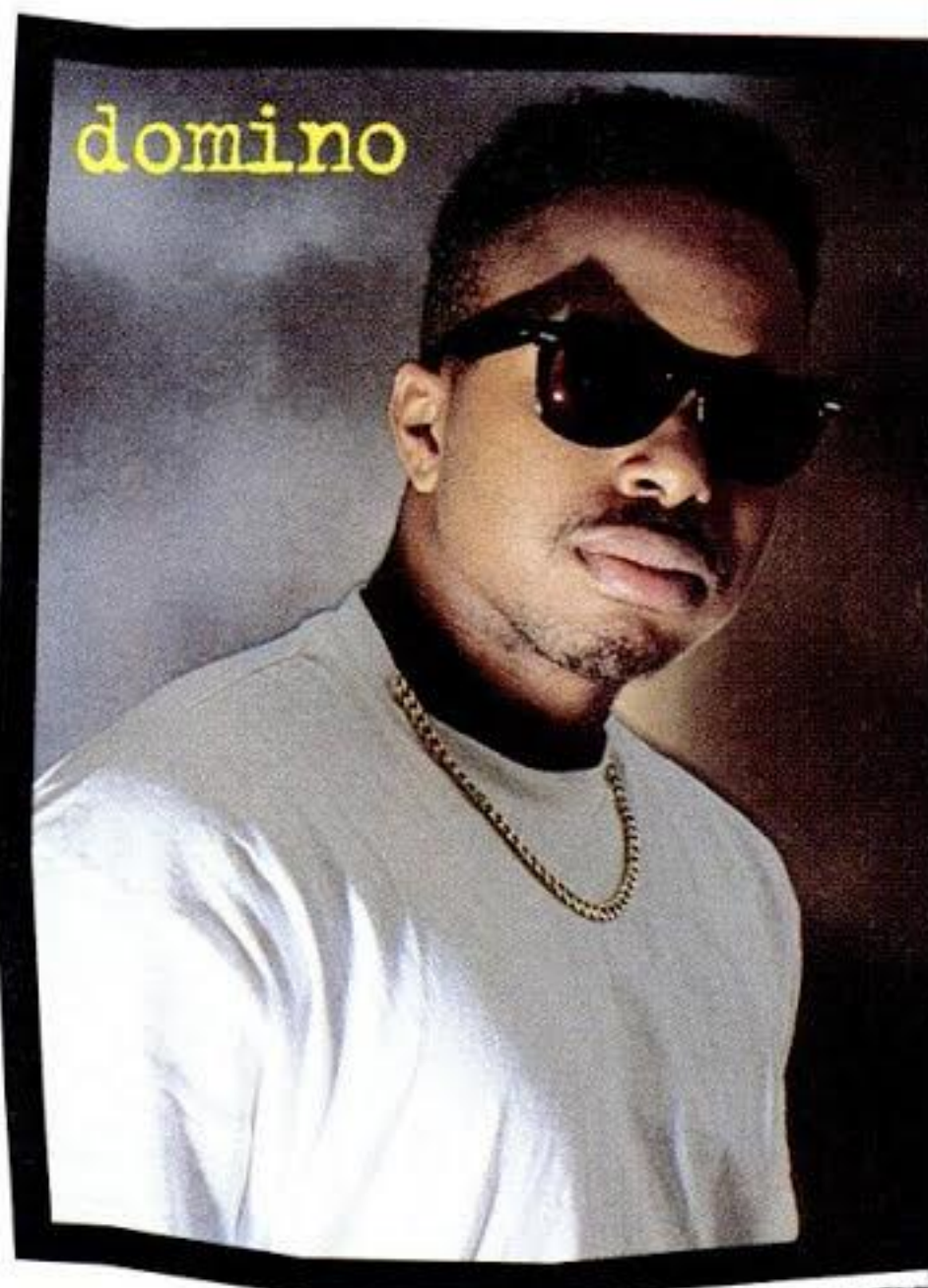
it yourself.

DOMINO's latest album, *Physical Funk*, follows the success of his last solid-gold effort, *Getto Jam*, which, according to the promo, "Everybody and their mama remembers."

Moneymaking Classics: "Baby Was Trickin'" and "Sweet Potato Pie."

SPY: Have you spent all the money from your last album?

Domino: Nah. I think that, you know, you see all these people riding around in, you know, these Mercedes and these BMWs, and you know they don't have no money because that's what they did. You know they didn't have anything to keep the money rolling. And my advice to people like that is you definitely have to, you know, take the money that you make and put it in something that's gonna keep turning your money over and over again. I mean, that's just like taking, you know, \$10,000 and opening up a pager company, and regardless if you're only making \$2,500 a month or \$3,000 a month or whatever, that's the life. See, that's what you need to understand. The long money is the



"see, my thing is, i done opened up some beau

trying to deal with six figures."krazy drazy

best money.

SPY: What have you done?

Domino: See, my thing is, I done opened up some beauty salons....I mean, because females are always going to need hair necessities.

SPY: What are some of the most expensive things you've bought?

Domino: The business is probably the biggest one, and I think that, you know, we spent [laughs] a big amount of money on producing a condom that we had called "raincoats." We looking to put 'em out, we just did a deal with the Japanese for manufacturing. So we should have like a million of them prepared and all of that, you know, in a few months.

SPY: So you've got hair and condoms. Anything else?

Domino: No, you know, I just do a little bit here and a little bit there, and, you know, I probably help some friends sometimes with a car company or something, you know. That kinda stuff.

SPY: Have you bought anything that you regretted?

Domino: I guess sometimes, you know, you think that—in my house we got, you know, all kinda things, big fish tanks wall to wall, and Italian leather sofas everywhere and stuff, and I think that, you know, maybe when I got it, it was too early to get it....I don't regret it today because, you know, I like living in it and I can afford it, but back then I regretted it.

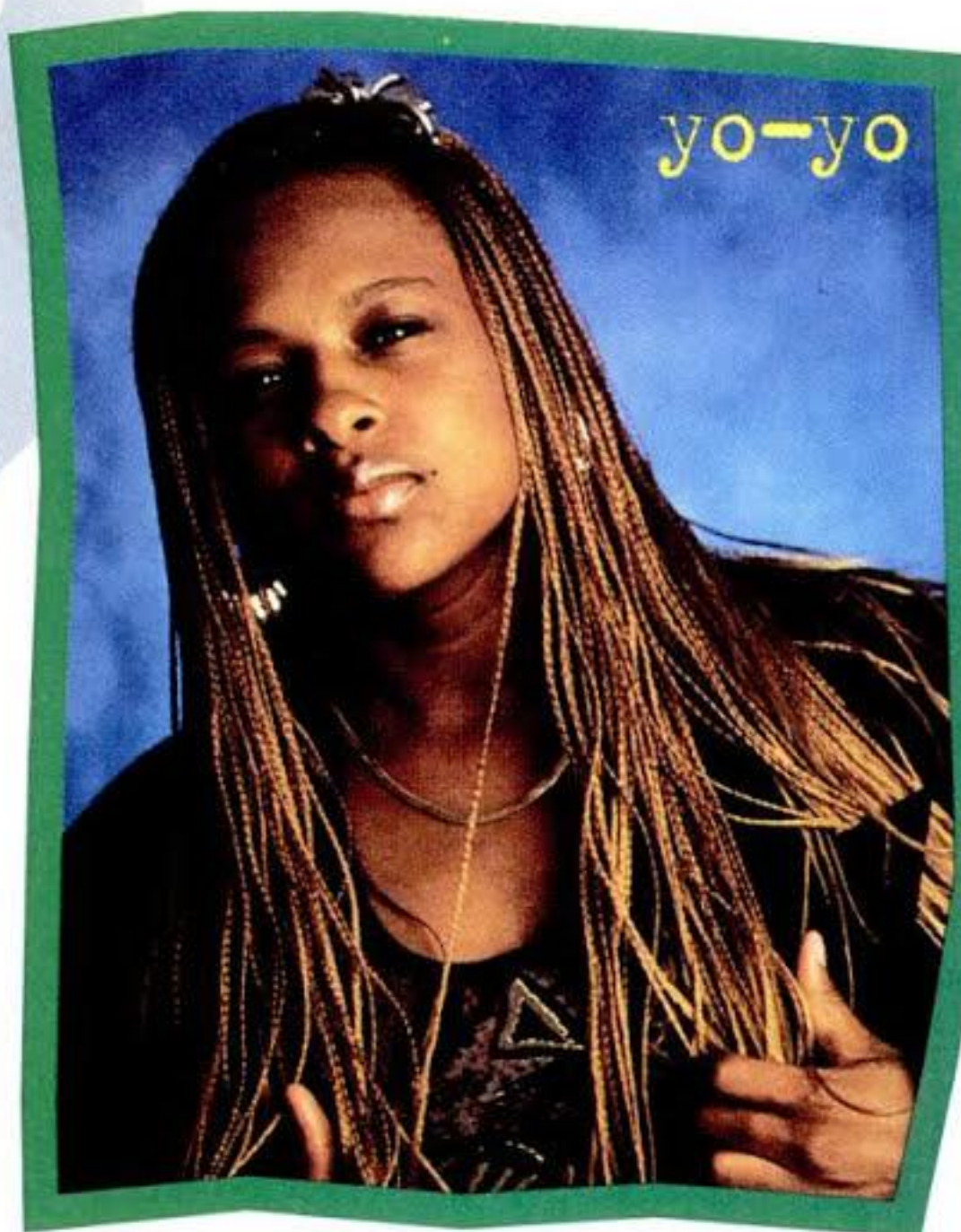
SPY: Do you have a financial adviser?

Domino: Well, I was advising myself for a minute, but now, you know, I'm dealing with just my manager.

SPY: Do you invest in stocks and bonds?

Domino: Well, I haven't invested yet. I like to invest in things to whereas I know I'm going to make more than two percent, okay? Or five percent, al-

right? I like to invest in things where at least I'm making 20 to, you know, 30 percent annually or something, you know? I don't like to just invest a big sum of money and it's sitting there while they collecting, you know, who knows what, and I'm collecting two



and three percent—I don't think we ought to work like that.

YO-YO is one of the roughest female rappers. She has been compared to her male counterpart Gs. and is one of the first female artists to incorporate the gangsta style.

Moneymaking Classics: "I Got Played" and "Put a Lid on It."

SPY: Yo, Yo-Yo, I have a few questions for you.

Yo-Yo: Okay, okay.

SPY: How did you come up with the name Yo-Yo?

Yo-Yo: It's like a nickname—my name is Yolanda.

SPY: Are you supporting a particular candidate in next year's election?

Yo-Yo: No, there's no particular candidate that I am actually supporting. None has struck my attention.

SPY: Democrat or Republican?

Yo-Yo: Democrat.

SPY: Are you a gangsta?

Yo-Yo: At one point I did—I never considered myself a gangsta rapper, but in an interview that I did one time, they quoted me because I did a song with [Ice Cube], so it was like the gangsta kinda Bonnie and Clyde kinda song.

SPY: Are you a gangsta?

Yo-Yo: No, I've never considered myself as a gangsta. [pause] See, when hip-hop first started for me, it wasn't about hanging out on the corner, it wasn't about drinking a 40 ounce, smoking reefer. 'Cause personally, I don't drink 40s and I don't smoke reefer. But it was cool to say you did, know what I mean? It was just like some cool shit that the cool guys did. So you would speak about it, in my book it was never something that, you know, were actually living.

SPY: So are you a rapper just for the money?

Yo-Yo: No, I mean, it wasn't all about making money. I mean, you know, everybody wants to elevate in life. You know, raise your money status. Of course, me coming from Los Angeles, 106th Street growing up, I wanted to be anything that was successful. If it was four years of college and becoming a professor, you know what I mean?

SPY: Yeah.

Yo-Yo: So when rap came out, I never had the dream of being some big rapper, you know what I mean? I just would rap in talent shows—I know I say 'you know what I mean' so much, excuse me—I used to just rap in talent shows and perform, 'cause I was very active. I used to do volleyball, and softball, cheerleader, I was everything....So my whole thing was not to be some

salons—females need hair necessities."domino

"i got a couple of buildings. i'm a mo

hard-core gangsta bitch, or some blunt-smoking, talking-trash kinda girl, it was the groove of hip-hop.

SPY: Do you consider yourself a spend-thrift?

Yo-Yo: I'm pretty good with cash....I have a good business manager and accountant.

SPY: What's the most expensive thing you've bought?

Yo-Yo: A house.

SPY: What about a car?

Yo-Yo: Mercedes.

SPY: So you say you're good with money. How do you invest your money?

Yo-Yo: Well, [my boyfriend and I] are opening up a record store in Los Angeles right now. But other than that, I just invest my money in stocks.

SPY: Do you take care of that yourself?

Yo-Yo: No, I have an accountant. I have a lot of different investments that I'm investing in. We have a candle shop where we make candles, scented candles, baskets and all that.

SPY: So you're doing mostly short-term investing or long-term investing?

Yo-Yo: I mean, you know, I haven't got into a lot.

SPY: So you mentioned that you have a lot of money in stocks. Are you worried that the stock market is overvalued now that the Dow has cracked 5000?

Yo-Yo: Well, yeah, we worry a lot with the stocks all the time. But I don't worry too much. It's just you make an investment and you take the chance. You know, that's a win-lose situation.

SPY: What do you think about mutual funds? Do you have any money in mutual funds?

Yo-Yo: Uhhhh... [pause] No, I don't.

SPY: What about retirement? Have you even thought about retirement?

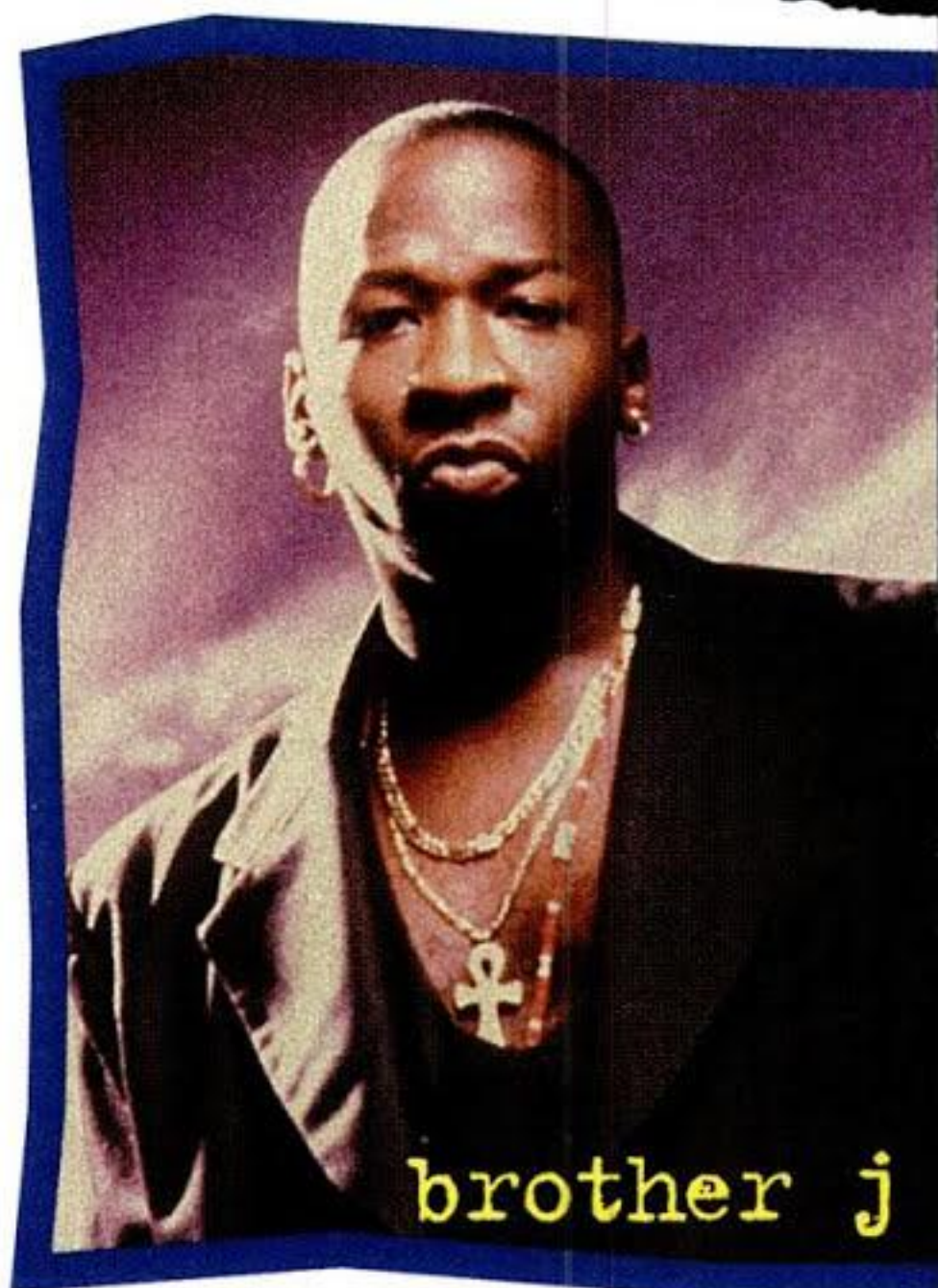
Yo-Yo: Well, I do have a retirement fund....I have [an IRA] with my bank.

Well, I have a lot of things set up that, I mean, off the top of my head I couldn't just give you a list. I probably have more shit set up than I could probably tell you. But I do have good business management with that.

KRAZY DRAZY is half of the rap duo known as Das EFX. Along with partner Books (a.k.a. Skoob), Drazy hit it big with Das's 1992 debut *Dead Serious*. Their current release is *Hold It Down*.

Moneymaking Classics: "Straight Out Da Sewer" and "Knockin' Niggaz Off."

SPY: What's the most expensive thing you've bought?



brother j

Drazy: A house, know what I'm saying?

SPY: Do you consider yourself loose with the cash?

Drazy: Nah. Maybe in the beginning....I'm not tight, I'm aware with the money. We don't spend recklessly, anymore.

SPY: You used to spend recklessly?

Drazy: Of course, know what I'm saying, came up here and, you know...spending mad dough, but you know, mad dough is just really chump change anyway. Hundreds and maybe a couple thousands. That's really chump change because niggas be trying to deal with six figures, seven figures, know what I mean?

SPY: How do you invest your money?

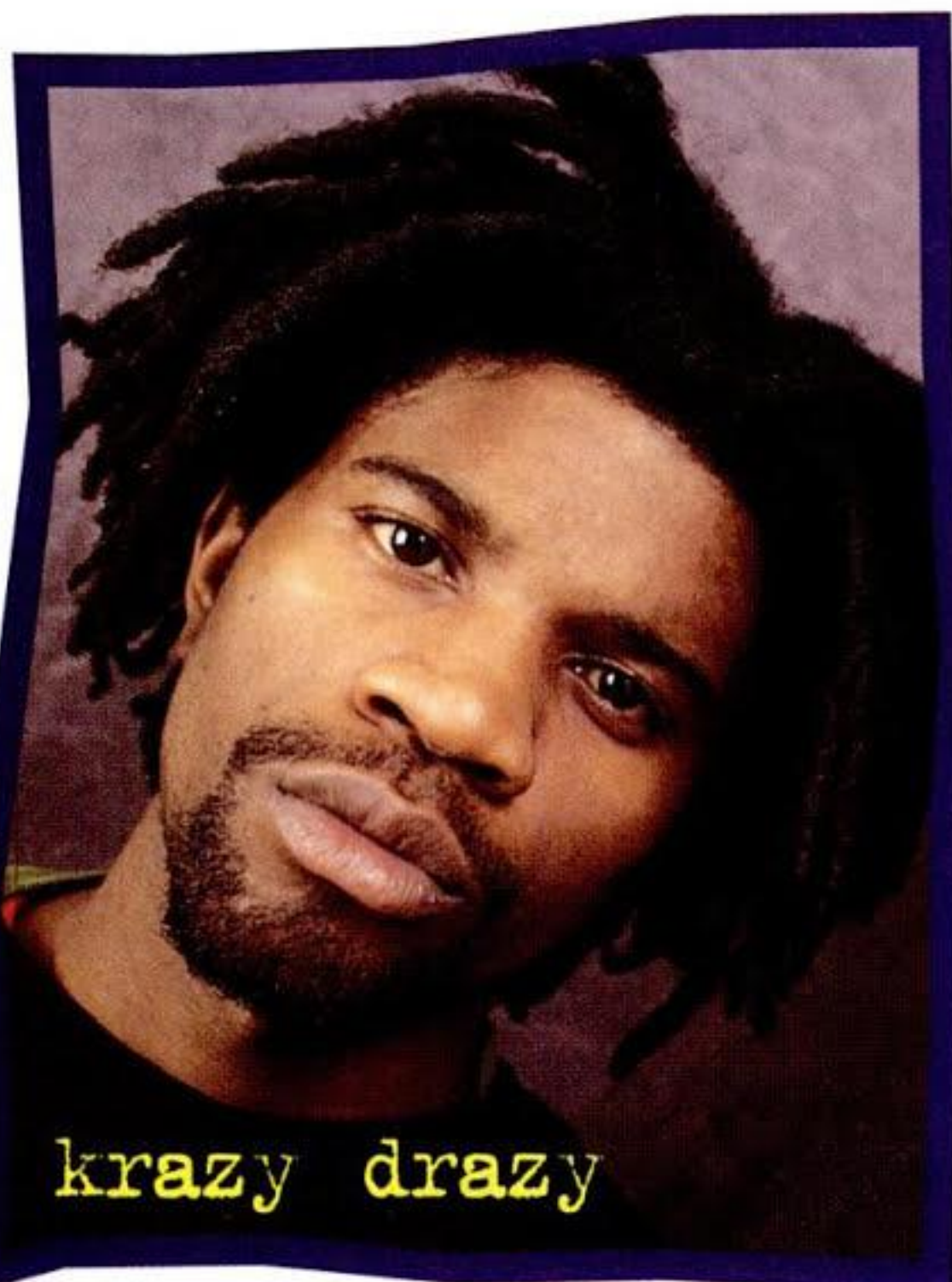
Drazy: We just invest, know what I mean? This, that, stocks, whatever, mutual funds, all that shit.

SPY: Stocks and bonds?

Drazy: Whatever, yeah, know what I'm saying? We got lawyers, we got accountants, we got parents [laughs].

SPY: What about retirement? Have you been planning for retirement at all?

Drazy: Not right now, 'cause yo, I could do this, know what I mean? Hip-hop is just like breathing to us,



krazy drazy

"i be reading money magazine 'n shit."opic

it's natural. We could stop right now and we'd still have the dough. We could keep flipping the dough that we got now, know what I'm saying? But we just know how to rhyme, know what I mean? It's just something we like to do.

SPY: Do you have an IRA or a 401(k) plan?

Drazy: They didn't give us shit, hell no.

BROTHER J, formerly of the Nation of Islam-inspired rap group X-Clan, now has a new posse, The Dark Sun Riders. The group's debut album, *The Seeds of Evolution*, melds insightful lyrics and booty-shaking bass beats. Money-making Classics: "Positive Influences" and "Arrival to Chemical Egypt."

SPY: What are some of the most expensive things you've bought?

Brother: Umm... [10-second pause] I don't know offhand, man. I mean, damn—it's many things! Man, I don't know....I think the most expensive thing is helping my brothers build [recording] studios.

SPY: Where do you come from?

Brother: Who, me?

SPY: Yeah, you.

Brother: New York....Flatbush, of course.

SPY: How do you invest [your] money?

Brother: Why you asking me a lot of—can I ask you a question? [loud] Why do you ask me a lot of money questions?

DOUG E. FRESH, known as one of the forefathers of rap, hit the scene over a decade ago with currently incarcerated partner Slick Rick. Money-making Classics: "The Show" and "Where's da Party At?"

SPY: I just have a few questions for you, Doug E.

Fresh: Okay, wanna hold on one second? [pause] Hello? The thing is—what I need to do is this—if you could give me one minute, or rather, actually give me like five minutes and call me right back and we'll do this because my lawyer is on the other line and he has something real important to tell me about this case that I'm going through

Fresh: No, it's just, I had like a, uhh, legal thing going on.

SPY: So are you being sued or are you suing?

Fresh: I'm not suing, I'm saying I will sue if we don't straighten it out, you know what I'm saying? It's like saying, you know, you can either take the steps or go out the window.

SPY: What is the most expensive thing you've ever bought?

Fresh: I think a building.

SPY: A building?

Fresh: A couple of buildings. I'm a moneymaking muthafucka, man.

SPY: What is something you have regretted buying?

Fresh: I regretted buying a car 'cause they are fucking headaches.

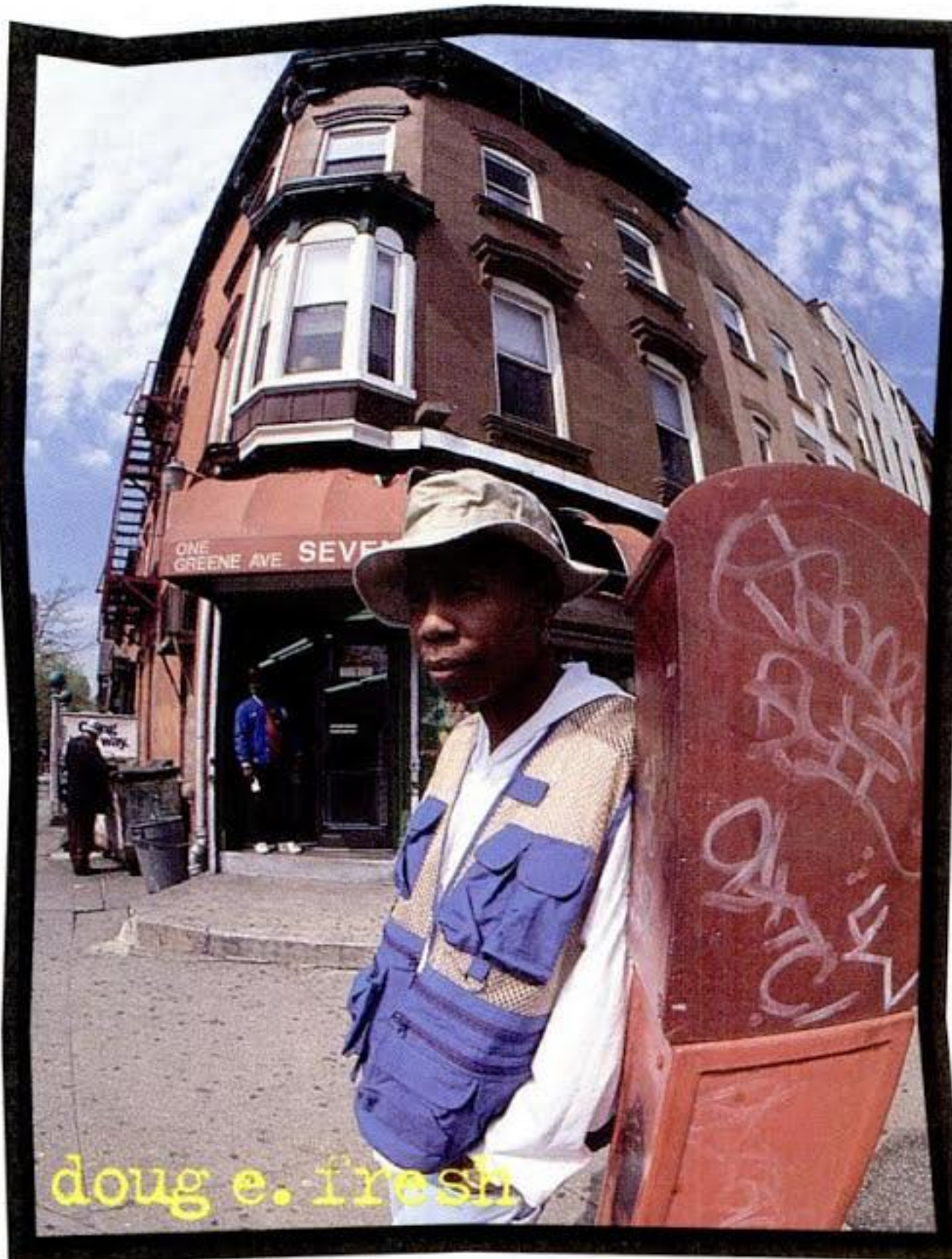
SPY: What type of car?

Fresh: My first one was a Cherokee, and that car was annoying because, like, so many people would rob and steal and break into it. And I'd have to take care of it, you know what I'm saying? Total headache. And I'm the type of person that I like to live

stress free, personally. So I got rid of it. Then I had the new one, right? I had the Lincoln. Then my Lincoln gave me a headache 'cause my Lincoln was, like, people would smash into it, and hit it, and—you know what I mean?

SPY: Do you consider yourself a spend-thrift?

Fresh: With cash, I think that I'm



and I don't wanna keep you on hold like that because yo, I appreciate you calling. [10 minutes later]

SPY: Hello? Doug E.?

Fresh: Yeah, hold on one second. [pause] Thank you.

SPY: Was that still your lawyer?

Fresh: Yeah.

SPY: What exactly is the problem?

"i don't believe in social security." chuck d.

pretty generous. I mean, I think that I spend money in a way where I feel like I spend when I have to spend, you know, and I take care of a lot of people, so I'm always spending, you know? I'm always spending, but I also make. You gotta spend money to make money; that's the science behind it.

SPY: So you do have a few investments here and there.

Fresh: Yeah, I got to do that....Stocks and bonds, Merrill Lynch, all that shit, you know....I have a financial planner who works with me and I have my accountant....[We're] about to do some stuff in Mount Vernon, getting ready to create a Chuck E. Cheese up there.

SPY: Are you prepared for retirement? Do you have an IRA?

Fresh: Nah, I ain't retiring—I do have that—but I'm not retiring.

SPY: So you do have an IRA.

Fresh: That's with Merrill Lynch. Most of the stuff I got is stuff like that.

CHUCK D. is, along with his oft-arrested partner Flava Flav, the inflammatory voice behind Public Enemy. In spite of being virtually banned on commercial radio due to their antiestablishment stance, Public Enemy's albums *It Takes a Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back* and *Fear of a Black Planet* each have sold more than a million copies.

Moneymaking Classics: "Miuzi Weighs a Ton" and "Sophisticated Bitch."

SPY: What are some of the most expensive things you've paid for?

D.: Taxes. Do I have any regrets? Taxes. I think black people shouldn't have to pay taxes after 300 years of free labor. And since my people didn't get away with it, I think we should be the beneficiaries for at least another 300 years of tax-free living here in the United States.

SPY: How do you invest your money?

D.: I think, umm, I'm not gonna say, because I think it should be off the record because, umm, because I just think the world should be accessible to everyone. I don't believe in borderlines.

SPY: So you're investing in other countries. You must be pretty knowledgeable in investment opportunities to expand internationally.

D.: Well, I would tell you that it's not just being knowledgeable, it's just keeping your eyes open and I travel around the world....That's my one vice—traveling. But, you know, over the last eight years I get paid to travel, which is different than actually paying to travel.

SPY: Do you have a financial adviser?

D.: Yes, three or four of 'em.

SPY: Any money in stocks and bonds?

D.: Yeah, whatever's the

advisable thing for the moment, but I'm trying to get smarter at that every day.

SPY: Do you consider yourself a smart investor?

D.: I consider myself twice as smart as I was over the past four months.

SPY: So you've been investing heavily in the past four months?

D.: No....But I have a clothing line and hopefully maybe it could break even this year....And [I'm] working in publishing and doing some books and stuff like that.

SPY: You're writing a book?

D.: I'm writing two books, yeah....[One is about] my lyrics, and the other one is the chronicled history of Public Enemy. ...I'm [also] working with television and multimedia projects and also with the Internet....I'm looking to become the Ted Turner of rap.

SPY: What about retirement?

D.: No, no. I don't even believe in

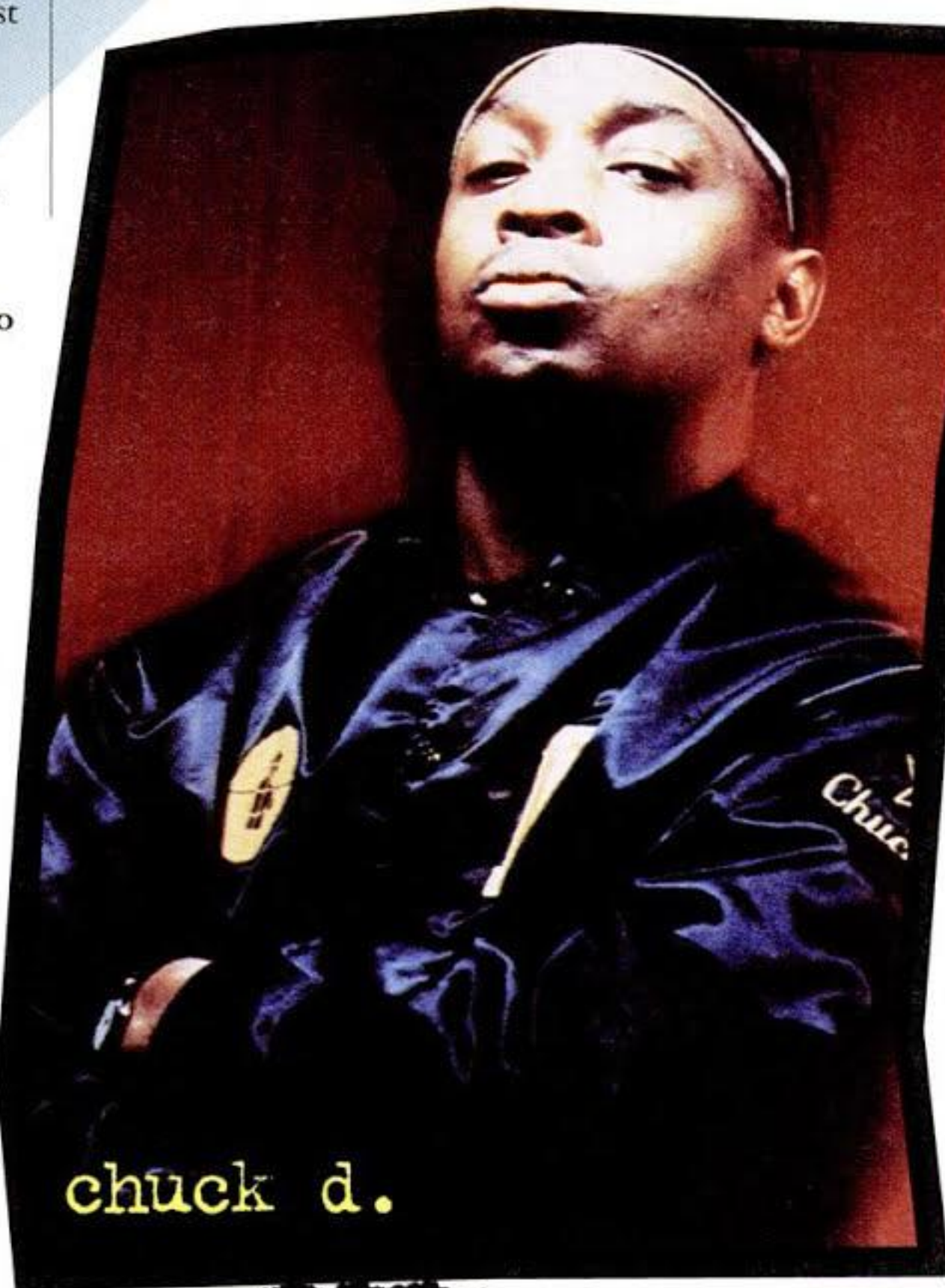
Social Security benefits.

SPY: But you are paying taxes?

D.: Yeah I know, right?...That's why they're coming out with the flat-tax bill that they're trying to pass next year.

SPY: So you are supporting a flat tax?

D.: So far, I mean, yeah. One basic flat-tax rate, but then again, uhh, I gotta look at it. I gotta look at it and see my advantages. But that is something, you know, I mean if everybody paid a percentage of their thing, you know, I could roll. ☾

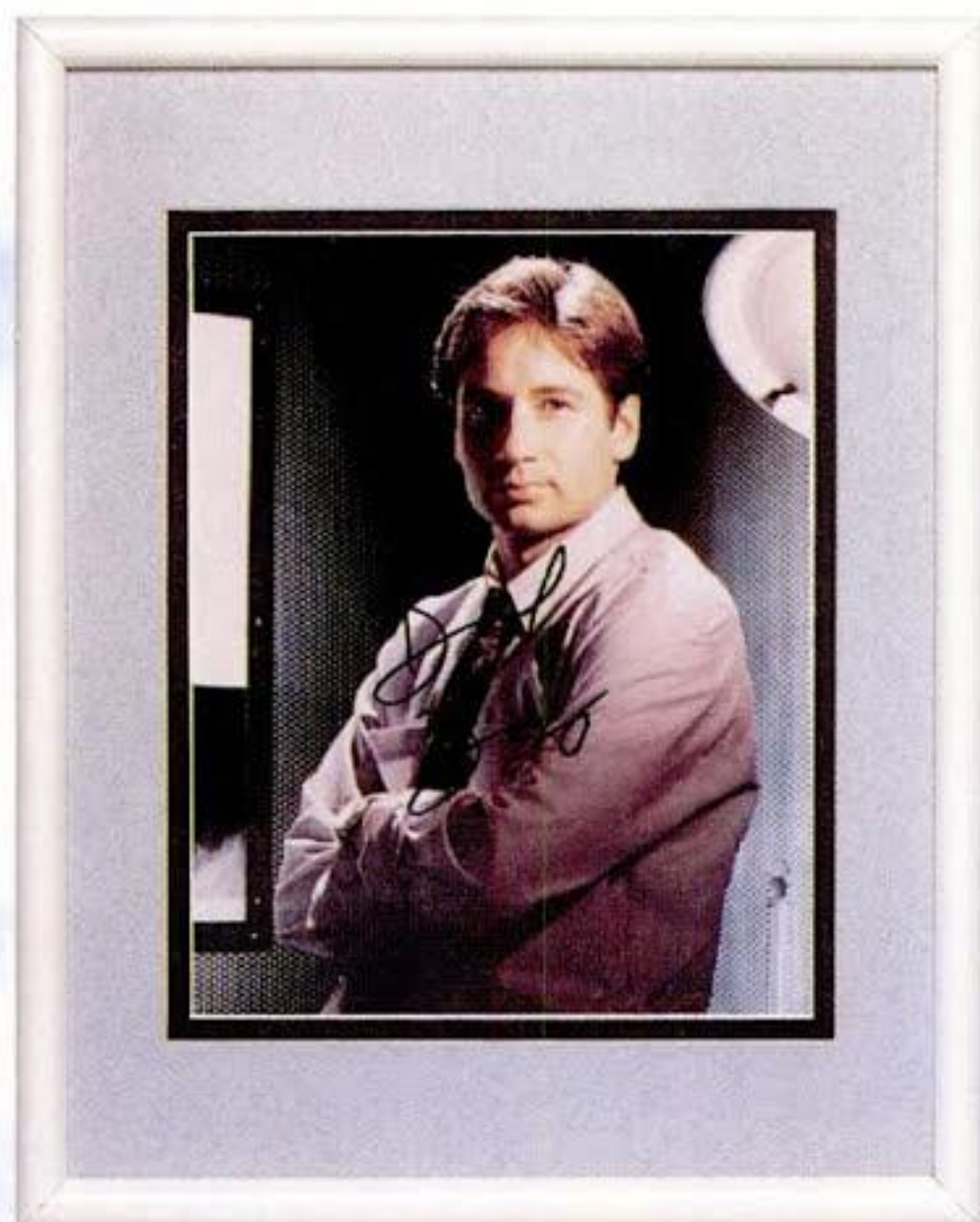


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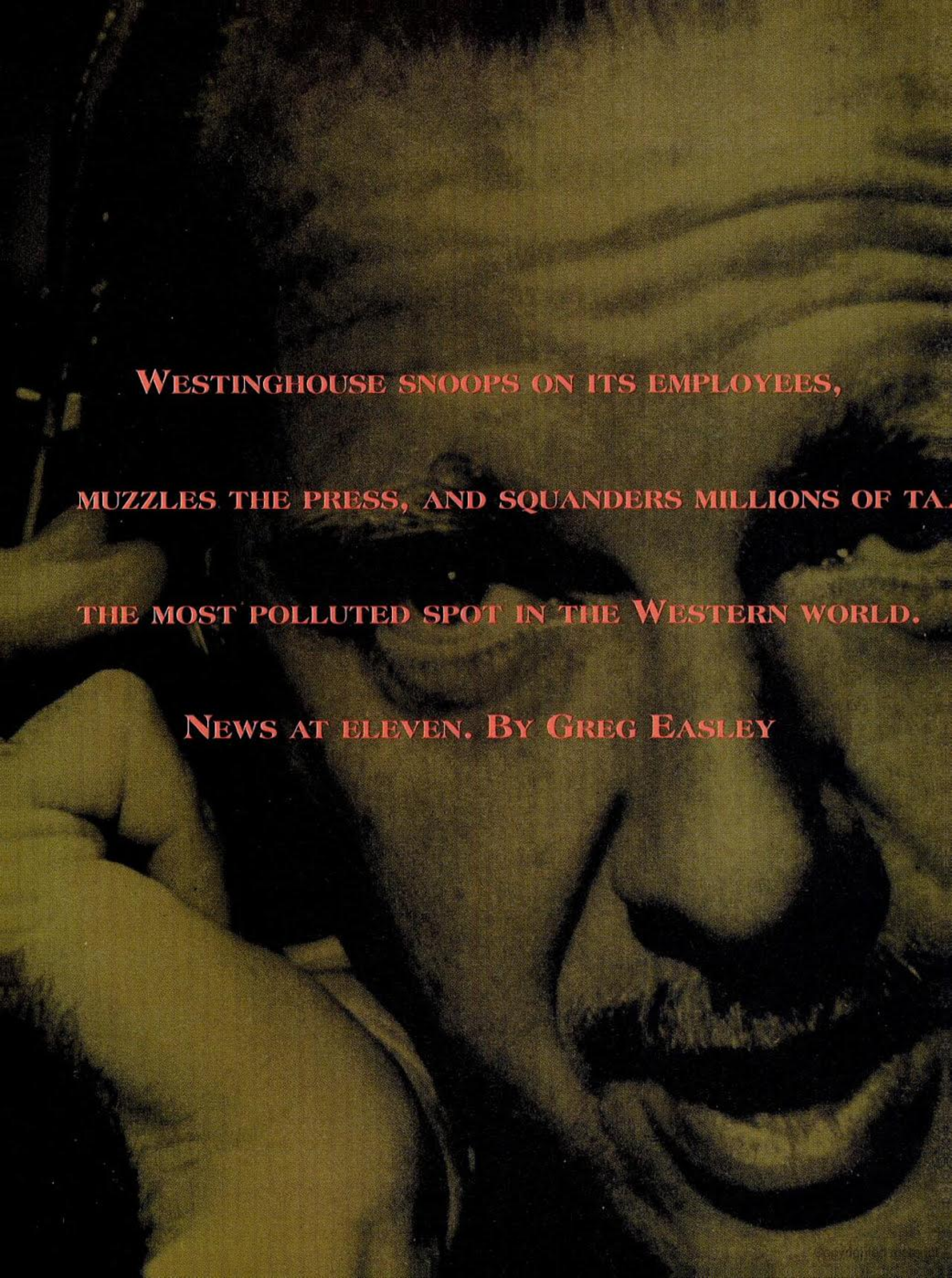


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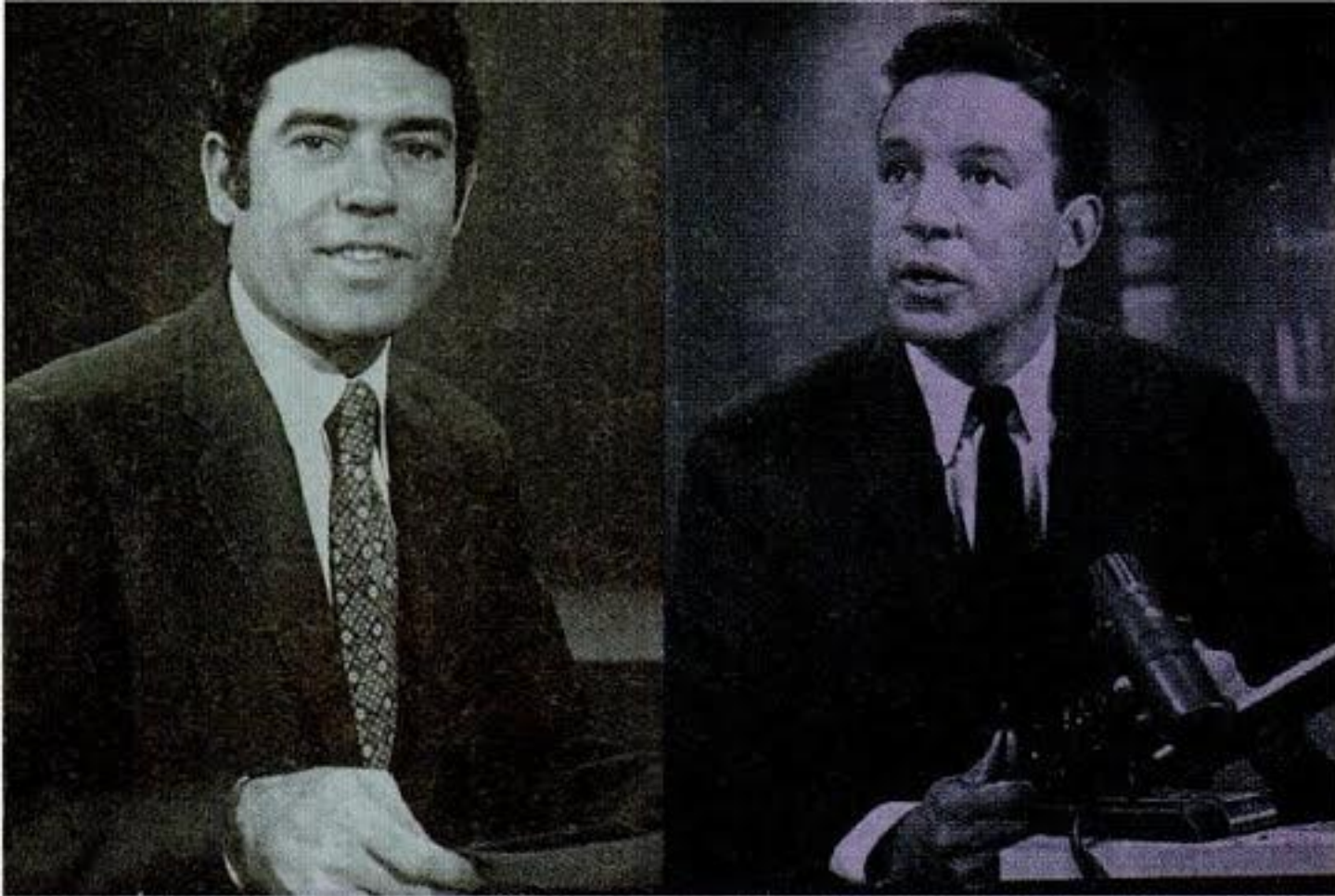
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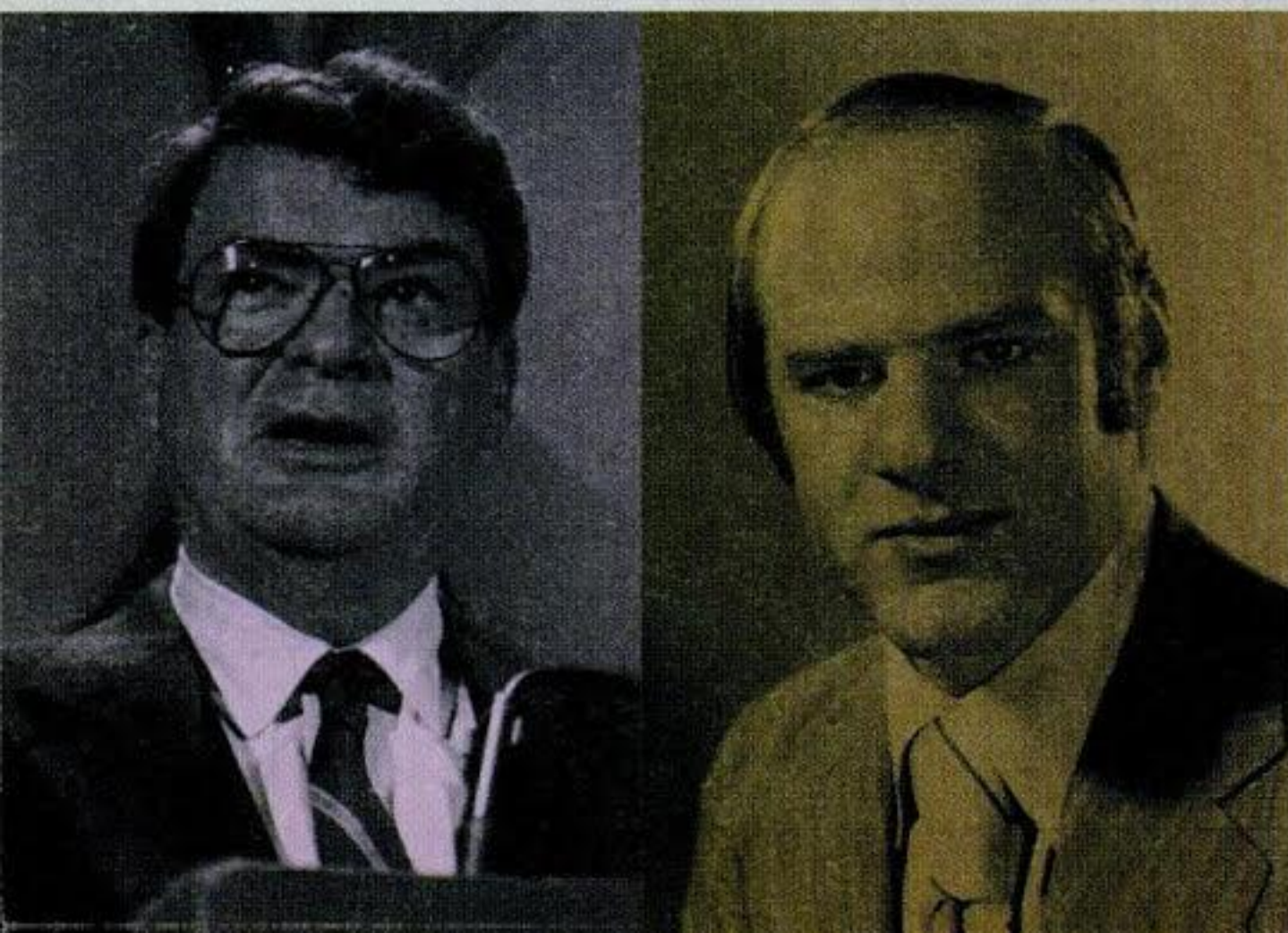
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PLAYERS' DOLLARS WHILE OVERSEEING THE CLEANUP OF





By the summer of 1995, CBS News had just about come to terms with the demoralizing cutbacks imposed by CEO Lawrence Tisch, which he began making when he purchased CBS from William Paley a decade ago. Over the last 10 years, the staff of CBS News has been cut by almost 38 percent, as management fired 600 workers. In that same period, ABC and NBC News have held steady and now are two and three times as big, respectively. Today, ABC's annual news budget dwarfs CBS's by \$100 million.



Running the news division as a for-profit business, Tisch closed down at least six foreign bureaus (in out-of-the-way, unnewsworthy places like Rome and Beijing) and laid off scores of correspondents and producers, including veterans like Joan Snyder. Bob Schieffer, who has covered Washington for CBS since 1974, remembers when there were 26 people in the D.C. bureau. After dipping as low as nine, the number now stands at an overworked 11. When asked if the cutbacks affected CBS's coverage, Schieffer responded, "Sure, fewer people make it more difficult to report the news. The entire industry underwent changes—this hit all the networks, but we were on the cutting edge."

There was a time when CBS, the Tiffany network, was the dominant force in American broadcasting. That power was felt at every division of the company: not just in the talented news unit that came to represent excellence in journalism but also in its monster prime-time ratings and sports coverage. Today, breakfast at Tiffany's has become dinner at Woolworth's. Can things get any worse for the Columbia Broadcasting System's news division?

Enter Westinghouse.

When Westinghouse's \$5.4 billion buyout of CBS was announced on August 1, 1995, one can only wonder why the vigilant journalists at the just-acquired news team didn't register a peep of protest. Westinghouse has a well-documented history of stanching the free flow of information, bullying critics in the media, squelching employees who point out public-health risks, and generally sacrificing First Amendment values to steer clear of bad press. Pull together a dossier on Westinghouse's management operation of the government-owned Hanford Nuclear Facility in eastern Washington State, and you just might start to wonder if the CBS eye will look the other way when it comes to corporate improprieties. Will this be the same network that once gave us those pillars of journalistic integrity, Edward R. Murrow and Walter Cronkite? Or will fictional journalists like Murphy Brown continue to set the standards at CBS? "If Westinghouse dared to restrict the network's coverage," says Lawrence Grossman, former president of NBC News, "CBS News, which is half dead anyway, will be damaged or totally destroyed."

Looking for Mr. Whistle-blower

In 1987, Westinghouse's Government and Environmental Services division won a multi-billion-dollar contract to manage the Department of Energy's Hanford Nuclear Reservation, a nuclear-weapons facility in Richland, Washington. After 45 years of producing the plutonium that went into America's bombs, including the "Fat Man" dropped on Nagasaki in 1945, it is now considered by experts to be the most polluted spot in the Western world. But

Dan Rather (top left); Mike Wallace (top right). Michael Jordan (bottom left) accidentally snubbed CBS News after the purchase. Barry Diller (bottom right) did not.

Hanford is a cesspool in more ways than one.

Gary Lekvold was a Westinghouse security expert at Hanford. In 1988, he reported to the company's employee-concerns program that his supervisors had ignored his allegations of fraud and mismanagement in the security department. (Lekvold pointed out, for instance, that a Westinghouse-installed security system—intended to prevent the theft of plutonium, the Holy Grail for ambitious terrorists—failed to detect intruders 100 percent of the time.) The only written response he received was a memo from Westinghouse requesting that he see a clinical psychologist for evaluation. Lekvold also became the subject of five separate DOE investigations—including invasive interrogations of former girlfriends about his sexual performance and of 7-Eleven clerks about his buying Lotto tickets and beer. This large-scale fact-finding mission—which was essentially a smear campaign designed to justify the revocation of Lekvold's security credentials—cost taxpayers an estimated \$1 million. Lekvold has filed a \$10 million suit against Westinghouse in Washington State court, alleging that he was harassed and suspended from work after he raised concerns about the protection of nuclear materials. The case is pending.

Three years after Lekvold blew the whistle on Westinghouse, the DOE's inspector general conducted a six-month investigation into "surveillance equipment and activities" at Hanford. Without naming Westinghouse, the inspector general found that some Hanford contractors had "improperly acquired" "bionic ears," "throw phones," "pen registers," pinhole video cameras, and time-lapse VCRs, spy equipment that is verboten for nuclear contractors. The DOE confiscated the gear but overlooked that as recently as 1991 one contractor had access to a "technical surveillance countermeasure (TSCM) vehicle," a modified motor home that has served as a mobile spy center—and that several Westinghouse whistle-blowers have spotted outside their homes whenever journalists happen to come-a-calling. (Can you imagine the fun Charles Kuralt would have had in a ride like that?)

When not throwing money paid by taxpayers into spying on its own employees, Westinghouse was using millions of dollars for public relations. After observing "too much cover-up and not enough cleanup," Representative (now Senator) Ron Wyden (D-OR) launched an investigation of Westinghouse's PR expenditures at Hanford. According to Josh Kardon, Wyden's chief of staff and a participant in the investigation, Westinghouse's "full-court press" on the press not only disseminated misinformation but also squandered federal funds. "Westinghouse was spending...taxpayer dollars to assure people that all was well, and all was not well," says Kardon. For years, he continued, "officials at Westinghouse intentionally misled the public" about the risks of waste-storage tanks exploding and releasing radioactivity into the environment. "Westinghouse spent more time camping out with reporters and trying to influence their stories than it did paying attention to the tanks," says Kardon.

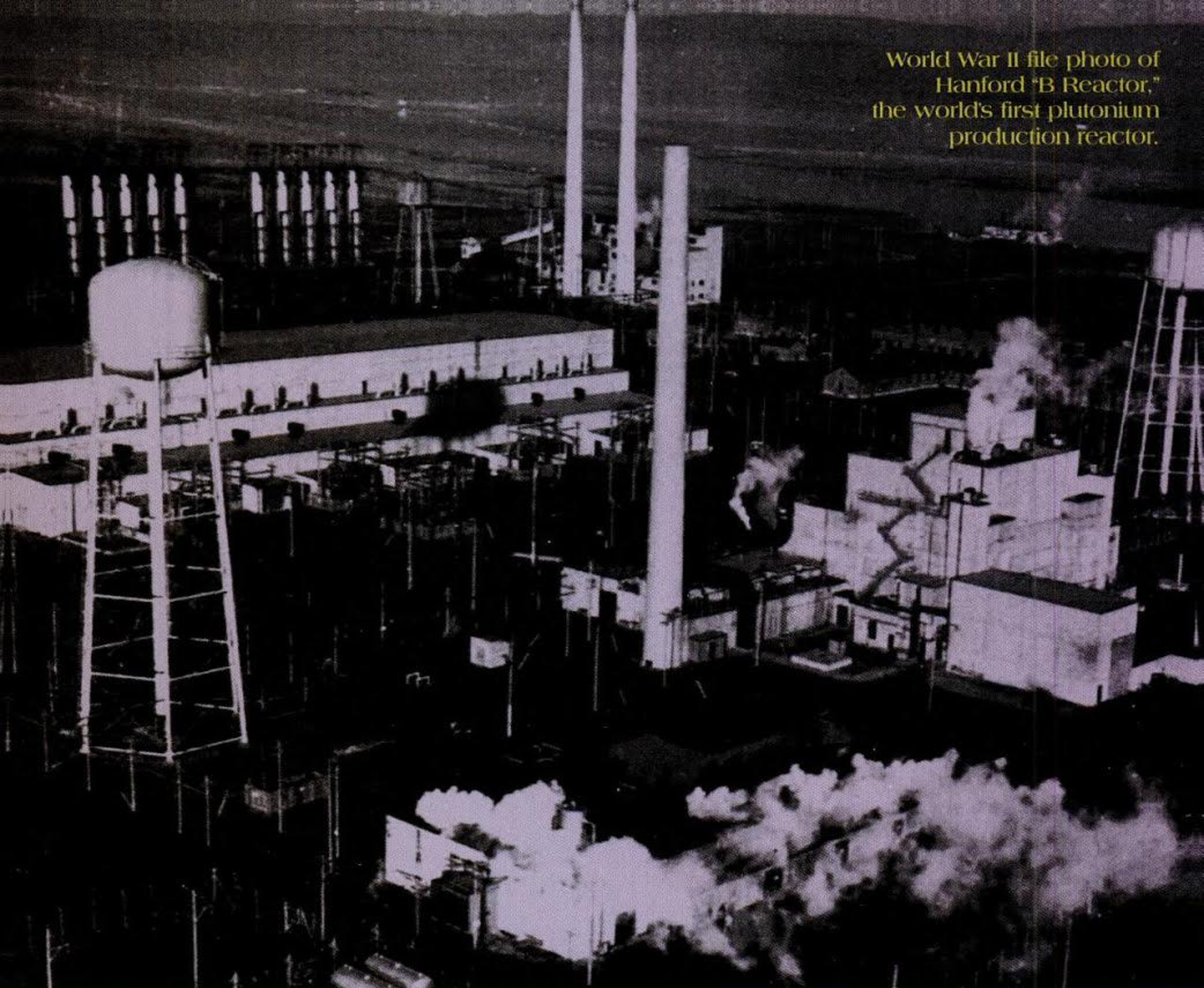
Would that that were the only example of Westinghouse's micromanaging the media. SPY has obtained hundreds of doc-

uments generated by Westinghouse Hanford's Office of Communications, including many chiding and even hostile letters directed to editors, writers, and TV news reporters covering the Hanford cleanup. Examples include a 10-page, 25-point rebuttal to Matthew Wald's 1992 *New York Times* article "Nuclear Hazard Festers after Years of Alarm" and a 1992 letter to the *Seattle Times* stating, "The *Times* has essentially been a cheerleader for Hanford whistle-blowers for the last several years. No accusation against us is too wild to make the *Times*'s front pages." Says Paul Koberstein, a former reporter for the *Oregonian* who was forced out of his job shortly after publishing a major exposé about the contamination risks at Hanford: "Westinghouse lobbied vigorously to have me discredited."

Blind Man's Bluff

Westinghouse's CEO Michael Jordan should not be confused, as many a witty journalist has pointed out, with the National Basketball Association star. It would not be a leap, however, if this legendarily uncharismatic executive were to be dubbed "Err Jordan," considering the string of diplomatic gaffes he made with his newly acquired news division. First he neglected to assuage news staffers' fears by pledging to protect their integrity when he announced the acquisition in a press conference. Then he further ruffled feathers by neglecting to pay a reassuring visit to news headquarters, a gesture that at least Tisch and onetime CBS suitor Barry Diller had made. After more than a week of tense will-he-or-won't-he posturing, Jordan did pay a visit to Black Rock, CBS's sleek Manhattan home, to meet with the company's news elite—Dan Rather, *60 Minutes* producer Don Hewitt, and the since-deposed news president, Eric Ober, among others. Later, he again tried to save face by sending a letter to CBS employees stating his commitment to revive the ailing network, including its news division: "We know the kind of resources that will be necessary to do the job, and we will commit those resources."

But by that point, Tisch-era survivors believed that the situation at Black Rock couldn't get much worse. As Dan Rather told the *New York Times* in September, "At CBS News, we're down to the bone, past the bone, and we've been there a long time." And even though Westinghouse extended its debt load to \$7.5 billion in order to absorb CBS, the prevailing sentiment was that Jordan would not look for more fat to trim from the emaciated organization. Making more cuts at CBS, the consensus said, would further weaken the network, which was by then (and still is) deeply mired in third place in the ratings race. When CBS shareholders approved the acquisition in November, Jordan boosted morale by offering reassurances: "Westinghouse will make the investments and provide the resources for our combined broadcasting enterprise to be a leader in news, sports, and entertainment." The following months brought more good news: Westinghouse sold its Electronics Systems Division and Knoll Group office



World War II file photo of
Hanford "B Reactor,"
the world's first plutonium
production reactor.

Waste Basket Case

For four decades, the Hanford Nuclear Facility proudly pumped out plutonium to help America combat the Red Menace. In 1987, Westinghouse was awarded a lucrative government contract to manage Hanford's awful mess.

Today the most polluted spot in the Western world houses a surplus of 11.2 tons of plutonium (enough to destroy all life on Earth several times over) and 177 waste-storage tanks (which have a tendency to belch hydrogen—and could potentially ex-

plode and spew radioactivity across the Pacific Northwest). From the mid-40s to the mid-60s, Hanford dumped 120 million gallons of highly radioactive tank waste directly into the soil, contaminating the aquifer.

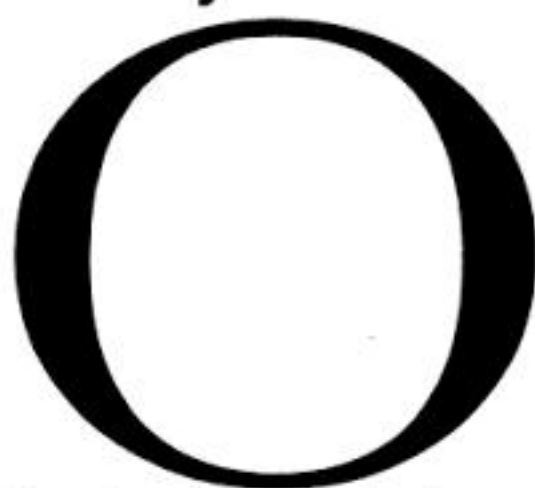
A pinpoint-sized speck of the lethal element is enough to cause lung cancer in humans, but plutonium's dangers are not limited to health and environmental concerns—national security is up there, too. Just one of the thousands of plutonium-filled juice cans stored in

Hanford's heavily guarded vaults could fuel a Nagasaki-sized bomb. The government spends about \$12 million a year to keep plutonium in and terrorists out. Westinghouse, as guardian of this Pyrrhic fortress, has been accused by whistle-blowing insiders with fraud, waste, and safety violations and has spent millions of taxpayers' dollars combatting the claims in court. Will CBS ever report on these allegations? Maybe on an episode of *The Nanny*.

furniture business to pay down a projected 70 percent of its debt by mid-1996.

With its passage of the landmark communications bill on February 1, 1996, Congress gave Westinghouse-CBS its sanction to become the nation's largest broadcaster, with 16 TV stations and 39 radio stations reaching approximately one-third of American homes. CBS's outlook was brightening for the first time since David Letterman defected from NBC two years ago.

Olden Eye



n paper, everything was looking up. Of course, the reality of the situation is that CBS is hardly poised to vault to the top. The Woolworth Network is struggling to keep pace with NBC and ABC and has trailed even *Fox* in the 18-49 demographic cherished

by advertisers. In the last two years, CBS has lost NFL football (to Fox), eight crucial affiliate stations (also to Fox), its short flirtation with late-night supremacy (CBS's David Letterman pummeled NBC's Leno for all of one year before falling to his current numero dos spot), and several highly regarded executives, including broadcast czar Howard Stringer. Tisch's last-ditch attempts at creating prime-time programs were universally reviled as unwatchable. Consider *Central Park West*.

And within the stumbling giant, no division at CBS has fallen harder than the news. *Face the Nation*, *CBS This Morning*, and *Evening News* all rank dead last among their competition. To make matters worse, even the stalwart *60 Minutes* recently began to drop out of the top 10 (which can be partially attributed to the loss of football game lead-ins). While CBS's three major competitors leapt into the on-line and 24-hour cable-news realms, Tisch seemed to ignore new media development altogether. Instead of getting news from CBS, Americans are now getting news *about* it—the strapped division has stumbled from one bumble to the next. Connie Chung's reportage-lite led to controversy in her coverage of Tonya Harding, the Oklahoma City bombing, and Newt Gingrich's mother, and perhaps ultimately led to her dismissal as coanchor of *Evening News*. In a bizarre twist (perhaps apropos for a Westinghouse employee), Mike Wallace was caught secretly filming a conversation with a freelance writer who had agreed to help him investigate a story. And in the face of a potential tortious-interference lawsuit, *60 Minutes* excised testimony damaging to the tobacco industry, then finally aired it in February, several weeks after the *Wall Street Journal* and the *New York Daily News* published most of the same information.

The network's boner-laden sojourn to third place is the consequence, says one former high-ranking news exec, of the attrition at CBS: "There's not a lot of fight left after you've taken the skin off the body and the flesh from the bones," said the executive. "There were so many battles about money that people couldn't pay attention to the journalism. Management has been

worn down—you go through cut, cut, cut, and budget, budget, budget, and eventually you can't pay attention to the stories."


It's a Vision Thing

While Tisch had no background whatsoever in broadcasting, Westinghouse proudly points to its past; the company is quick to boast that it helped pioneer radio in the 1920s and that it has always owned and operated radio and TV stations. (Collectively known as Group W, these stations post the highest profit and profit margins of any Westinghouse division.) After decades in the business, Westinghouse contends, it possesses a subtle and even enviable understanding of broadcast-news ethics.


But unlike Disney or Tisch's Loews Corporation, Westinghouse is overtly fornicating with Uncle Sam. In addition to managing Hanford, Westinghouse also manages the DOE's Savannah River facility in South Carolina, the *second*-most polluted spot in the Western world. In 1994, Westinghouse's Government and Environmental Services division netted \$58 million on sales of \$389 million. By the time the cold war ended, an area half the size of Rhode Island—200 square miles—had been poisoned by Hanford's radioactive and toxic by-products.

The cold war may have ended, but its peculiar mind-set still grips Hanford. Like the stockpiling of plutonium itself, the cost of its cleanup is no object. In 1994, Congress appropriated \$1.5 billion—or \$4 million a day—for the Hanford site; as much as \$50 billion of taxpayers' money may be shoveled into it over the next three decades. And unrestricted by free-market values, the waste at Hanford is legendary. The DOE's cleanup chief, for example, has estimated that one out of every three dollars spent at Hanford is squandered.

This is all to say that Westinghouse, recipient of \$1.2 billion last year to manage the Hanford cleanup for the U.S. government, is necessarily removed from many of the mores, rules, and even laws that traditionally govern corporate America. When the company took over in 1987, it inherited a culture created by the confluence of cold war military imperatives and deficient respect for the enduring dangers of nuclear matter. Hanford employees, accordingly, often found themselves caught between intrusive, even Orwellian, security measures and the sometimes questionable handling of lethal materials.

Which hardly makes Westinghouse a cuddly, lovable, trustworthy source for news. Says Alene Anderson, a lawyer with the Government Accountability Project (GAP), a whistle-blower defense group with several lawsuits now pending against Westinghouse: "I have trouble trusting the veracity of news coming from a company with a history of silencing people who expressed dissent." Less moderately, Westinghouse dissenter Gary Lekvold (now being represented by GAP) describes Westinghouse as "the most corrupt organization I've ever had the misfortune of dealing with." With Westinghouse returning to its broadcast roots, media watchers are wondering how long until *this* Fat Boy blows his fuse. 

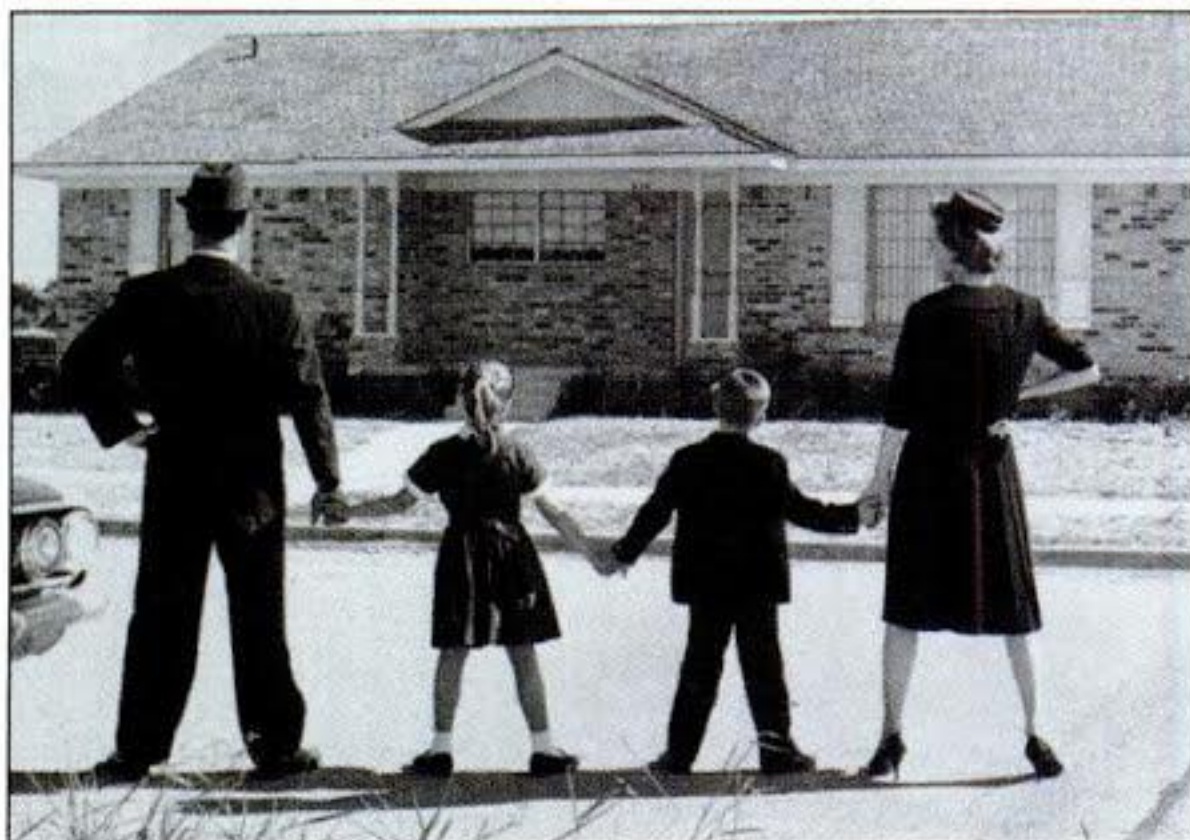




God Help America

BY ALEX GREGORY & PETER HYUCK

Texas may not be the worst place in the country (that title belongs to the District of Columbia, where even the mayor was a crack-smoking ex-con), but like the vulgar, free-wheeling yahoos that reside there, the former Lone Star Republic is bigger, louder, and full of more baseless braggadocio than any other state. The cacophony certainly got our attention, and when the SPY editorial team met to rate our nation's 50 states in order of annoyance, few of us were surprised when, after the dust settled, Texas sat alone at the top. Before oil turned Texas into the Nouveau Riche capital of the world, most of it was a barren desert scrubland. Today, Texans routinely boast that they should secede from the Union. It is exactly this sort of inexplicable hubris that pushed Texas ahead of New Agey California and old-agey Florida to the number one spot on our Most Annoying States roster. Houston, we have a problem, indeed. At the other end of the annoyance spectrum, there is New Jersey, the Garden State, which, to many people's surprise, comes out here smelling like a rose. As for the other 48 states, we found each one irritating in its own special way.



#1 Texas

Reasons Not to Live There: The phrases “big ole” and “little bitty.” •Rodeo is not only a socially acceptable cultural medium, it is also part of the curriculum at many Texas colleges and universities. •Of all 50 states, Texas imports the most criminals from other states’ prisons. •More cowboy boots are manufactured in El Paso than anywhere else on earth. •Texas fought for slavery in the Civil War, and still observes Confederate Heroes Day on Jan. 19. •Texas is the most wasteful state, with the highest total energy consumption, at 10 trillion BTUs per year. Not surprisingly, Texas is home to the nation’s largest nuclear reactor. •The state passed a resolution designed to honor Albert De Salvo, the Boston Strangler, for “this compassionate gentleman’s dedication and devotion to his work which has enabled the weak and lonely throughout the nation to achieve and maintain a new degree of concern for their future.” •Austin has the world’s largest urban bat population.

What Passes for Culture: The National Cowgirl Hall of Fame. Hosts the country’s largest all-woman rodeo each year. •Bullfight Museum. •The Tex Ritter Museum. •Peter Pan Statue. Mary Martin, mother of Larry Hagman and star of Broadway’s *Peter Pan*, is immortalized in front of the public library in Weatherford.

What Passes for Entertainment: Texas Prison Rodeo. Called the “Dang’est Show on Earth,” this rodeo attracts more

than 100,000 spectators annually to watch convicts attempt some of the most dangerous events in rodeo. •Luling Watermelon Thump. Participants engage in a car rally, which tests their skills in driving, following directions, and watermelon stealing techniques. •World Championship Slingshot Matches. Billed as a “shoot-em-out with slingshots.”

Dumbest Laws: The entire *Encyclopedia Britannica* is banned in Texas because it contains a formula for making beer at home. •A recently passed anticrime law requires criminals to give their victims 24 hours notice, either orally or in writing, and to explain the nature of the crime to be committed. •In El Paso, churches, hotels, halls of assembly, stores, markets, banking rooms, railroad depots, and saloons are required at the expense of the owners to provide spittoons “of a kind and number to efficiently contain expectorations into them.” •It is illegal to milk another person’s cow. •In Houston, it is illegal to sell Limburger cheese on Sunday. •In LeFors, it is illegal to take more than three swallows of beer at any one time while standing. •In San Antonio, it is illegal for both sexes to flirt or respond to flirtation using the eyes and/or hands. •In Mesquite, it is illegal for children to have unusual haircuts.

Dumbest Towns: Babyhead, Tarzan, Bigfoot, Cow Flats, Hicks, Noodle, Pancake, Ding Dong.

Most Embarrassing Residents/Natives: Meat Loaf, Anna Nicole Smith, Aaron Spelling, George & Babs Bush, H. Ross Perot, Farrah Fawcett, Dabney Coleman, Gary Busey, Liz Smith, Warren Moon.

#2 Florida

It’s just like California—sun, palm trees, beaches, Stallone—but tackier and more culturally destitute. •It’s the home of the Hooters mammary-theme restaurant chain. •Florida is the proud home of a new crime trend called “crash and dash,” in which perpetrators drive through a storefront window and fill their vehicle with merchandise. •Most restaurants are flooded in the late afternoon with senior citizens descending for “early bird” specials. •Has more theme parks than any other state. •Behind D.C., Florida has the highest crime rate in the country, with 8,351 offenses per 100,000 people.

Culture: Cypress Knee Museum. The eccentric creator, Tom Gaskins, finds unusually shaped cypress tree roots and tells you what they look like. (For example, a plaque next to one reads: “Hippo wearing a Carmen Miranda hat.”) Gaskins’ son, Tom Jr., noted proudly that his dad likes to, among other things, lick wood fiber. •Sponge Museum. Located in a complex called Spongeorama, the museum traces the history of the sponge-diving industry and has lots of unusual sponges on display. •Tupperware Gallery. Explores the history of food-storage containers. •The Don “Big Daddy” Garlits Museum of Drag Racing. •Disneyworld.

Entertainment: The International Worm Fiddling Contest. Contestants drive a stake into the ground and rub it with an

object that makes the stick vibrate, driving worms to the surface. •After Daytona, the state's biggest motorsport event is the Everglades' swamp buggy race, which is followed by the all-ladies Powder Puff Derby. •The Swamp Cabbage Festival, featuring a beard-growing contest. •The annual Baby Race in Jacksonville (entrance restricted to "crawlers"—nonwalking infants). •The Calf and Pig Scramble. •Underwater Music Festival.

Laws: In Miami, it is illegal for a man to wear any kind of strapless gown. •Unmarried women who parachute on Sundays may be jailed. •In Sarasota, it is illegal to sing while wearing a bathing suit.

Towns: Red Head, Mossy Head, Chicken Head, Sweet Gum Head, Mayo, Spuds, Fort Lonesome, Smallpox Tommies Old Place, Dildo Key.

Residents/Natives: Mickey Rourke, Sly Stallone, Madonna, Pat Riley, Pat Boone.

#3 Nevada

The state's only two attractions are legalized gambling and prostitution.

Culture: Liberace Museum. Featuring his pianos, clothing (a collection said to be worth more than \$1 million), jewelry (the world's largest rhinestone, weighing 115,000 karats), and, inexplicably, a uniform worn by Czar Nicholas II of Russia.

Entertainment: World Championship Wild Jackass Race. Wranglers from all over the West descend on Nevada to drag wild burros over 40 miles of desert for cash prizes ranging from \$5 to \$750.

Laws: In Nyala, a man is forbidden from buying drinks for more than three people other than himself at any one period during the day. •It is illegal to drive a camel on the highway. •In Eureka, men who wear moustaches are forbidden from kissing women. •Everyone walking on the streets of Elko is required to wear a mask.

Towns: Jackpot, Contact, Dinner Station, Hobo Hot Springs, Duckwater, Coyote Hole, Chlorine, Weed Heights.

Residents/Natives: Wayne Newton, Andre Agassi, Debbie Reynolds, Siegfried, Roy.

#4 California

Earthquakes, flooding, mudslides, sinkholes, valley fever, brush fires, and almost every other natural disaster known to man are nature's way of saying: "Keep out."

•Home of Bloods and Crips. •Has the most cars on the road of any state, at 17,414,000. •The Academy Awards. •The LAPD. •Has the most people in prison of any state, with 124,813. •California has the only fully accredited university in the country to offer a master of science degree in parapsychology (JFK University). •Scientology was founded here.

Culture: Barbie Doll Hall of Fame. A huge Barbie collection, including her dune buggies, dream houses, and speedboats. •Tattoo Art Museum. The history of skin engraving from ancient China to 20th century America. •Lawrence Welk Museum. •Roy Rogers-Dale Evans Museum. At the center of the museum stands Trigger, a dead, stuffed horse that Roy refused to donate to the Smithsonian.

Entertainment: The National Date Festival features camel and ostrich races. •The annual Jumping Frog Jamboree. Frogs are rounded up the night before the event and rented out to frog-jumping contestants. •The Santa Monica International Underwater Film Festival. •Beans and Jeans Jamboree. •Peg Leg Liar's Contest. •Big Hat Days Festival. •Annual Sawdust Festival. •Gilroy Garlic Festival. •California Prune Festival. •World Wrist Wrestling Championships.

Laws: In L.A., a man may legally beat his wife with a leather strap, as long as it is less than two inches wide, or she gives him permission to use a wider strap. •It is a misdemeanor to shoot at any kind of game from a moving vehicle, unless the target is a whale. •In Pacific Grove, "molesting" butterflies can result in a \$500 fine. •In Pasadena, it is illegal for a secretary to be alone in a room with her boss. •It is illegal to set a mousetrap without a hunting license. •In Long Beach, it is illegal to curse on a mini-golf course. •In San Francisco, it is illegal to wipe one's car with used underwear. •It is illegal to cry on the witness stand in

Los Angeles courts.

Towns: Happy Camp, Chinese Camp, Hambone, Scarface, Weed, Whiskeytown, Hooker, Rough and Ready, Volcanoville, Cool, Plaster City.

Residents/Natives: O. J. Simpson, Barbra Streisand, Liz Taylor, Michael and Arianna Huffington, Robert "B-1 Bob" Dornan, Sonny Bono, Courtney Love.

#5 Michigan

Michigan residents' lives revolve around the automobile industry, which in turn revolves around the oil industry, which revolves around the lunatics running the Middle East. •The Michigan Militia. •Detroit. •Flint. •Madonna University. **Culture:** Henry Ford Museum. Celebrates the history of cars, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, phonographs, bicycles, and lots of other junk. Admission to the anti-Semitic entrepreneur's funhouse is \$11.50. •International Skiing Hall of Fame. Situated in the world-renowned ski center of Ispheming, Michigan, this cultural landmark traces the history of skiing back to its Nordic roots.

Entertainment: The Norwegian Pumpkin Rolling Festival. 400 fierce competitors take turns rolling a 10-pound pumpkin. •National Mushroom Hunt. Prizes are given for the largest and greatest number of mushrooms found during a specified time in the restricted area. •National Stone Skipping Open Tournament. Held whenever enough skippers can be rounded up to make the competition worthwhile.

Laws: In Clawson, it is legal for a farmer to "sleep with his pigs, cows, horses, goats, and chickens." •A state law stipulates that a woman's hair legally belongs to her husband. •In Detroit, it is illegal to make love in a car unless it is parked on your property. •In Detroit, it is illegal to "ogle" a woman from a moving car. •In Port Huron, the speed limit for ambulances is 20 m.p.h. •Under state law, dentists are officially classified as "mechanics."

Towns: Butman, Hell, Dollar Settlement, Good Heart, Bliss, Free Soil, Jam, Climax, Cement City, Maybee.

Residents/Natives: Gerald Ford, Madon-

na, Diana Ross, Casey Kasem, Marlo Thomas, Grant Show, Jack Kevorkian.

#6 Arkansas

Gave us a president named Bubba. •Tyson chicken dominates the state and its environmental regulations (or lack thereof). •Moronic Arkansas Razorback fans wear red pig hats.

Culture: Frog Fantasies Museum. Over 5,000 frogs are on display, and they host an annual festival with activities that include a contest for people to write about their own personal "Frog Fantasies." •Daisy Air Gun Museum. Contains the world's largest collection of nonpowder guns.

Entertainment: The National Wild Turkey Calling Contest. •The Arkansas Turkey Trot Festival. Panic-stricken wild turkeys are dropped from low-flying airplanes, and all the local crackers run around chasing them. When they catch them, they take them home and kill them. •The Miss Drumstick beauty pageant, in which female contestants are judged solely on their legs (their bodies and faces are hidden from view).

Laws: A man can legally beat his wife, but not more than once a month. •In Fayetteville, it is illegal to kill "any living creature." •Schoolteachers who bob their hair may forfeit their pay raises. •Flirtation between members of the opposite sex on the streets of Little Rock may result in a 30-day jail term.

Towns: Toad Suck, Frog Town, Dog Town, Toilette, Experiment, Locust Bayou, Smackover, Pansy, Blue Ball, Romance, Ben-Gay, Weiner, Needmore.

Natives: Bill Clinton, Helen Gurley Brown, cast and crew of *Whitewater*.

#7 Utah

Restaurants can't serve alcohol. •Students at BYU are prohibited from having caffeinated/carbonated beverages. •The state owns all the liquor stores. •70% of state residents are Mormons, who frown on booze and premarital tongue-kissing. •The only state that executes criminals by firing squad. •Sundance film festival attracts the Weinsteins.

Culture: Dinosaur Gardens. Fourteen

large dinosaur statues on a little plot of land. •The Mormon Tabernacle Choir. **Entertainment:** Moab Jeep Safari. Just like the safaris in Africa, except you have to provide your own jeep and there aren't any lions, tigers, hippos, or zebras. •The Utah Centennial Wheat & Beet Days Celebration. •Take Pride Cleanup Day. **Laws:** Birds have the right of way on all highways. •A husband is responsible for every criminal act committed by his wife while she is in his presence. •In Monroe, daylight must be visible between partners on a dance floor.

Towns: Hardup, Virgin, Eggnog, Dog Area, Beppo Siding, Wah Wah Springs.

Residents/Natives: The Osmond family, Roseanne, James Woods, Rep. Enid Waldholtz and her mystery husband.

#8 Maryland

Proximity to Washington, D.C., "The Worst Place on Earth." •The official state sport is jousting. •The state motto is "Fatti maschii, parole femine" ("Manly deeds, womanly words").

Culture: Potato Museum. A potpourri of potato-related items, such as Mister Potato Heads; potato board games; the first cigarette made from potatoes; potato comic books, stamps, and cookbooks; dead potato bugs; and different potatoes from around the world. •Poultry Hall of Fame. A tribute to the men and women who have advanced the chicken and turkey industries in America.

Entertainment: Crab Derby. •Clam Festival. Another event for seafood-obsessed state residents, the festival includes a clamshell-pitching contest, a clam queen contest, and lots of clam eating. •National Muskrat Trapping and Skinning Contest. The 50 best trappers in the country are invited to catch and tear the flesh off of a nasty animal in front of a rabid crowd.

Laws: In Baltimore, it is illegal to wash or scrub sinks, no matter how dirty they get. •Every person who has bowled since 1833 may be fined \$2 for each offense. •In Halethorpe, it is illegal to kiss for more than one second. •It's illegal to mistreat oysters. •It's illegal to play Randy Newman's "Short People" on the radio.

Towns: Accident, Crapo, Dulls Corner, Frizzelburg, Boring, Finksburg, Chewsville, Funkstown, Dogtown, Mousetown, Frogtown, Birdsville.

Native: David Hasselhoff, Joan Jett.

#9 Idaho

Home to the Aryan Nation and other cuddly fringe groups, Idaho is the state most likely to repeal the teaching of evolution. •The Weaver family. •State pride centers on the potato.

Culture: Fiddlers Hall of Fame. •Evel Knievel Jump Site. A visitor center is located on the bridge where Knievel made his famous Snake River Canyon jump.

Entertainment: The National Oldtime Fiddlers Contest. While geezers are sawing out their archaic ditties, a roving band of clowns and "hijinks specialists" run around annoying people. •Air Force Appreciation Day.

Laws: In Pocatello, "the carrying of concealed weapons is forbidden, unless same are exhibited to public view." •Also in Pocatello, "It is prohibited for pedestrians and motorists to display frowns, grimaces, scowls, threatening and glowering looks, gloomy and depressed facial appearances, generally all of which reflect unfavorably upon the city's reputation." •Boxes of candy given as romantic gifts must weigh more than 50 lbs.

Towns: Dickshooter, Atomic City, Hellhole, Carrey (named after Jim).

Residents/Natives: Bruce Willis, Mark Fuhrman, Rep. Helen "Black Helicopters Are Chasing Me" Chenoweth.

#10 NEW YORK

Home of the two most powerful criminal groups in the world: the Mafia and the United Nations. •NYC's two football teams play in Jersey. •The Hamptons. •Outside of NYC, the state sucks.

Culture: The American Kazoo Factory and Museum. A tribute to the most inane and annoying instrument in the history of music. •Salt Museum. •National Bottle Museum. Established for the preservation, study, and promotion of the history of bottle and glass production. •The Whitney Biennial.

Entertainment: Unicycle Invitational.

More than 250 participants gather in Central Park every summer to celebrate this moronic mode of transportation.

- Air Preheater Inner Tube Regatta.
- Mark Russell's concerts in Buffalo.

Laws: In NYC, it is illegal for a woman to be on the street wearing "body hugging clothing." •In NYC, it is illegal for a man to turn around and look "at a woman in that way," and violators are forced to wear horse blinders. •In Staten Island, it is illegal for a father to call his son a "faggot" or "queer" in an effort to curb "girlie behavior." •In NYC, "It is disorderly conduct for one man to greet another on the street by placing the end of his thumb against the tip of his nose, at the same time extending and wiggling the fingers of his hand."

Towns: Puckerville, Crum Corner, Sodom, Chili Center, Number Four, Surprise, Downsville, Paradox, Batchellerville.

Residents/Natives: JFK Jr., The Donald, Ed Koch, Al D'Amato, Rush Limbaugh, Joey Buttafuoco, George Steinbrenner III, Chevy Chase, Joey Adams, Mariah Carey, Kathy Lee Gifford, Rosie Perez, John Tesh.

#11 Tennessee

Country music is taken *very, very* seriously. •The state legislature just ratified a law requiring public places to post copies of the Ten Commandments.

Culture: Country Music Hall of Fame. •Opryland USA. •Dollywood. Combines a museum of Dolly Parton's life with shops, country craft exhibits, and theme park thrill rides. •Confederama. Proving that the South will never outgrow its obsession with the Civil War, Confederama has 5,000 realistic miniature soldiers waging war on a realistic set, with puffs of cannon smoke and flashing lights. •Museum of Ancient Brick. •Museum of Beverage Containers. •Graceland.

Entertainment: Ramp Festival. A tribute to the foulest smelling plant on earth.

Laws: It is illegal to use a lasso to catch a fish. •In Dyersburg, it is illegal for a woman to call a man for a date. •In Memphis restaurants, it is illegal to give any pie to fellow diners. It is also illegal to take unfinished pie home. All pie must be eaten on the premises. •Also in Memphis, it is illegal for a woman to

drive by herself; "a man must walk or run in front of the vehicle, waving a red flag in order to warn approaching pedestrians and motorists."

Towns: Ball Camp, Difficult, Manlyville, Peeled Chestnut, Hoodoo, Miser Station, Virtue, Ozone, Lovelady, Finger, Chic.

Residents/Natives: Dolly Parton, George Hamilton, Shannon Doherty, Quentin Tarantino.

#12 Colorado

The Coors family. •Aspen and its ski-season celebrities. •Proposition 2, a statewide anti-gay rights initiative. •Home of the Oklahoma bombing trial. •That model of inefficiency, the Denver International Airport.

Culture: Jack Dempsey Museum. Born to Mormons, the "Manassa Mauler" kicked a lot of ass, and this museum is a tribute to the savage beatings he administered.

Entertainment: The Leadville Boom Days Celebration, which features a 21-mile burro race. Jackass jockeys are not allowed to ride the burros, but they may push, pull, or carry them. •The annual Fishworm Judging Contest at the Logan County Fair, which is divided into two elite classes: red worms and night crawlers.

Laws: In Durango, it is illegal to go out in public dressed in clothing "unbecoming" one's sex. •In Logan County, it is illegal for a man to kiss a woman while she is asleep. •In Pueblo, it is illegal to let a dandelion grow within city limits.

Towns: The Pie, Hasty, Rush, Powder Wash, Hygiene, Spook City.

Residents/Natives: Cher, Don Johnson, Melanie Griffith, Ann-Margret, John Denver, Sally Field, Don Henley, Sandy Gallin, Jan-Michael Vincent.

#13 Rhode Island

Residents fall into one of two categories: 1) snooty Newport yacht-racing, mansion-owning sons and daughters of our nation's great robber barons and 2) people who hate them. •In danger of being annexed by Massachusetts.

Culture: International Tennis Hall of Fame and Museum.

Entertainment: There is no entertainment in Rhode Island.

FAT: Percentage of adult residents that are overweight.



1. Mississippi	30.7
2. Louisiana	30.4
3. Michigan	29.9
4. West Virginia	29.7
5. Kansas	27.9
5. Pennsylvania	27.9
5. Iowa	27.9
5. Wisconsin	27.9
9. Delaware	27.8
10. Indiana	27.7
11. North Dakota	27.6
12. Texas	27.5
13. South Carolina	27.3
13. Kentucky	27.3
15. Missouri	27.2
16. New York	26.5
16. Oklahoma	26.5
18. Ohio	26.4
19. Alaska	26.3
20. Illinois	25.9
21. South Dakota	25.5
22. North Carolina	25.4
23. Alabama	25.2
24. Arkansas	25.0
25. Tennessee	24.9
26. Minnesota	24.7
27. Maine	24.6
28. Oregon	24.4
28. Nebraska	24.4
30. Maryland	24.2
31. Idaho	24.0
32. California	23.5
32. Vermont	23.5
34. Florida	23.4
35. New Hampshire	23.1
36. Rhode Island	23.0
36. Georgia	23.0
36. Massachusetts	23.0
39. Virginia	22.7
40. Nevada	22.6
40. Utah	22.6
40. Montana	22.6
43. Connecticut	22.1
43. New Jersey	22.1
45. Arizona	21.6
46. Washington	21.4
47. New Mexico	21.1
48. Hawaii	19.4
49. Colorado	18.4
50. Wyoming	N/A

Laws: In Providence, it is illegal to sell toothpaste and a toothbrush to the same customer on a Sunday. •It is illegal to throw pickle juice on a trolley. •In Newport, it is illegal to smoke a pipe after sunset.

Towns: Social, Hamlet, Crazy Corners, Moosup Valley, Nooseneck.

Natives: John McLaughlin, Bill Conti.

#14 OKLAHOMA

Nutcase militias (as in the Oklahoma City bombing). •Local reservations are constant reminders of our generosity and fairness toward the Indians.

Culture: National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Museum. •Enterprise Square, USA. A museum/theme park dedicated to singing the praises of capitalism. A videotape of Bob Hope and Ed McMahon greets you at the door, and huge dollar bills with mechanized faces chat about the free market system.

Entertainment: World Cow Chip Throwing Contest. Grown men compete to see who can toss a lump of cow shit the farthest. •Rattlesnake Roundup. Oklahoma's danger-seekers compete to see who can catch the longest and the heaviest deadly poisonous snake. •Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest. The all-time record is 48 feet.

Laws: People who make "ugly faces" at dogs may be fined and/or jailed. •In Schuler, it is illegal for a woman to gamble in the nude, in lingerie, or while wearing a towel. •Whale hunting is strictly forbidden throughout the entire state. •In Tulsa, kisses lasting more than three minutes are forbidden.

Towns: Bowlegs, Bug Tussle, Slick, Hog Shooter, Hicks Addition, Loco, Artillery Village, Slapout, Battiest.

Residents/Natives: Jeane Kirkpatrick, Tony Randall, Oral Roberts, Timothy McVeigh, Garth Brooks.

#15 Massachusetts

The Kennedys run the place, but outdated Puritan laws still apply to everyone else. •Martha's Vineyard. •The Red Sox curse. •Boston accents.

Culture: Cranberry World. Operated by

Ocean Spray. Note: There is no documentation that cranberries were served during the first Thanksgiving, and the berries are not grown in Massachusetts (they are produced primarily in New Jersey and the Pacific Northwest).

Entertainment: Turtle Trots. Visitors flock to Northeastern University, where turtles race on a 29-foot course. •Annual Teddy Bear Rally.

Laws: In Salem, even married couples are forbidden from sleeping in the nude in rented rooms. •It is illegal to wear a goatee without a license. •North Andover prohibits its citizens from carrying "space guns." •State legislation forbids dueling with water pistols. •In Boston, it is illegal to take a bath unless one has been ordered by a physician to do so. •In 1659, the state outlawed Christmas.

Towns: Cheapside, Cow Yard, Old Cock, Belchertown, Bearskin Neck, Fireworks.

Residents/Natives: The Kennedys, Barbara Walters, Alan Dershowitz, Leonard Nimoy, Eric Bogosian, Bobby Brown.

#16 Hawaii

Haleakala is an active volcano. •Hawaiian shirts. •Hula dancing. •Poi. •Luaus. •The word "aloha" and the pronunciation of the word "bro" as "bra." •The entire state is a tourist trap.

Culture: The Tropic Lightning Museum. •Hilo Hattie's Fashion Center. The largest collection of "aloha wear" in the state.

Entertainment: The Dole Pineapple Story, a nine-screen multimedia extravaganza that occurs every 30 minutes daily at the Dole Pineapple Cannery. •Beachcombing for glass fishing balls that have drifted over from Japan.

Laws: It is illegal to appear in public wearing only swimming trunks. •It is illegal to own a mongoose without a permit.

Towns: Volcano, Papa, Shangri-La.

Residents/Natives: Don Ho, Bette Midler, Nicole Kidman.

#17 Mississippi

Mississippi residents have the lowest per capita personal income of the 50 states, at \$15,838/year, and the lowest unemploy-

ment compensation at \$165/week. •See the Fat/Drunk/Stupid Index (Mississippi won two out of three). •The last state to *officially* outlaw slavery (in 1995). •Its flag features the Confederate stars and bars. •Mississippi is currently undergoing the highest crime rate increase in the country.

Culture: International Checkers Hall of Fame and Museum. •Elvis's Birthplace.

Entertainment: National Tobacco Spit, with separate competitions being held for distance and accuracy. •Leake County Sportsmen's Day. Includes a pallet race for babies, pistol shoot for ladies, greasy pole climbing, turkey calling, and the crowning of Miss Freckles.

Laws: It is still legal to kill one's "servant." •In Truro, a would-be groom must "prove himself manly" prior to marriage by hunting and killing either six blackbirds or three crows.

Towns: Big Bogue Homo, Homochitto, Savage, Bobo, Guntown, Sweatman, Scooba, Chunky, Whynot, Shivers, Hot Coffee.

Residents/Natives: Tammy Wynette, John Grisham, Marion Barry.

#18 South Carolina

The Citadel. •Heritage USA. •First state to secede from the Union in order to protect the sanctity of slavery.

Culture: Stock Car Hall of Fame and Museum. •Dental History Museum. •South of the Border tourist and fireworks center, whose mascot is Pedro, a Buchananesque Mexican stereotype.

Entertainment: Chitlin Strut. Chitlins are hog intestines that are either boiled or batter fried, and the town of Salley is the self-proclaimed "Chitlin Capital of the World." Every year at the Strut, more than a ton of chitlins are consumed. •Hell Hole Swamp Festival Days. Sack races, moonshine stills, a reptile exhibit, a display of a native wild boar, and, for those intellectually adventurous types, checker playing contests.

Laws: Every citizen is obliged to carry his gun to church. •No horses are allowed into Fountain Inn unless they are wearing pants. •In Charleston, all carriage horses must wear diapers.

Towns: Coward, Fingerville, Nine Times,



Due West, Ninety Six, Four Holes.

Residents/Natives: Strom Thurmond, Eartha Kitt, Vanna White, Jesse Jackson, Lauren Hutton.

#19 North Carolina

Jesse Helms was elected to be the voice and conscience of the state. •Tobacco.

Culture: Ava Gardner Museum. •Belhaven Museum. Repulsive displays include a 10-pound tumor yanked from the stomach of a local woman, an eight-legged pig, and a four-legged chicken. •Gourd Museum.

Entertainment: National Hollerin' Contest. Celebrating the oldest form of long-distance communication, men compete to see who can "holler" the loudest, while the ladies go lung-to-lung in a "callin'" event. •Nags Head Woods Oyster Roast & Pig Pickin'. •Annual Woolly Worm Festival. •Any & All Dog Show. •Sailors, Sea Chanties & Salt Pork. •Ham & Yam Festival. •Sizzlin' Bachelor's Auction. •Great Pirate Purple/Gold Pigskin Pig-Out Party.

Laws: In Charlotte, women must have their bodies covered by at least 16 yards of cloth at all times. •In Asheville, it is illegal to sneeze on city streets. •Ironically, Hornytown has banned all massage parlors. •State law mandates that couples staying in hotels for one night must be kept in rooms with double beds, kept a minimum of two feet apart, and making love on the floor between the beds is strictly forbidden. •It is illegal to have sex in a churchyard.

Towns: Hornytown, Erect, Climax,

Bushy, Boogertown, Meat Camp, Bottom, Leechville, Leatherman, Haw. **Residents/Natives:** Jesse Helms, Billy Graham, Soupy Sales.

#20 New Hampshire

Unfairly sets tone for national politics with its primaries. •Won't recognize Martin Luther King Day. •Dartmouth.

Culture: Doll-Fan Attic Museum. A museum located in an attic for fans of dolls, which range from classic china dolls to dolls made from loofah sponges, prunes, and cow bones. •Scouting Museum. This homage to the Boy Scouts is a pedophile's wet dream.

Entertainment: Annual North Country Moose Festival. •The Rock Swap.

Laws: It is illegal to sell the clothes one is wearing to pay off a gambling debt. •It is illegal to check into a hotel under an assumed name.

Towns: Chickville, Sandwich, Center Sandwich, North Sandwich.

Residents/Natives: John Irving, John Sununu.

#21 Pennsylvania

The Philadelphia police department makes the LAPD look like the cast of *Cop Rock*. •Those dirty Amish. •Family-style restaurants. •Dull steel towns that inspired *All the Right Moves*.

Culture: Chocolate World. •Harley-Davidson Plant and Museum. •Mr. Ed's Elephant Museum. •Mushroom Museum, located in the self-proclaimed "World's Mushroom Capital." •Shoe

Museum. The exhibits range from Billy Jean King's stinky sneakers to a papier mâché cast of a bound foot. •Weightlifting and Softball Halls of Fame.

Entertainment: Johnny Appleseed Festival. There are contests in chain sawing, crosscut sawing, wood chopping, and horse pulling. •Yo! Philadelphia. •Wild Rib Cook-Off & Music Festival. •Special Friends Ice Palace Festival.

Laws: "Any motorist who sights a team of horses coming toward him must pull well off the road, cover his car with a blanket or canvas that blends with the countryside, and let the horses pass. If the horses appear skittish, the motorist must take his car apart, piece by piece, and hide it under the nearest bushes." •In Morrisville, women need a permit to wear cosmetics. •Ministers are forbidden from performing marriages when either the bride or the groom is drunk.

Towns: Hop Bottom, Lover, Husband, Virginville, Slickville, Whiskerville, Pithole, Lickingville, Panic, Coon Hunter, Bird In Hand, Scalp Level, Loyalsockville, Beersville, Hecktown, Hellertown, Intercourse.

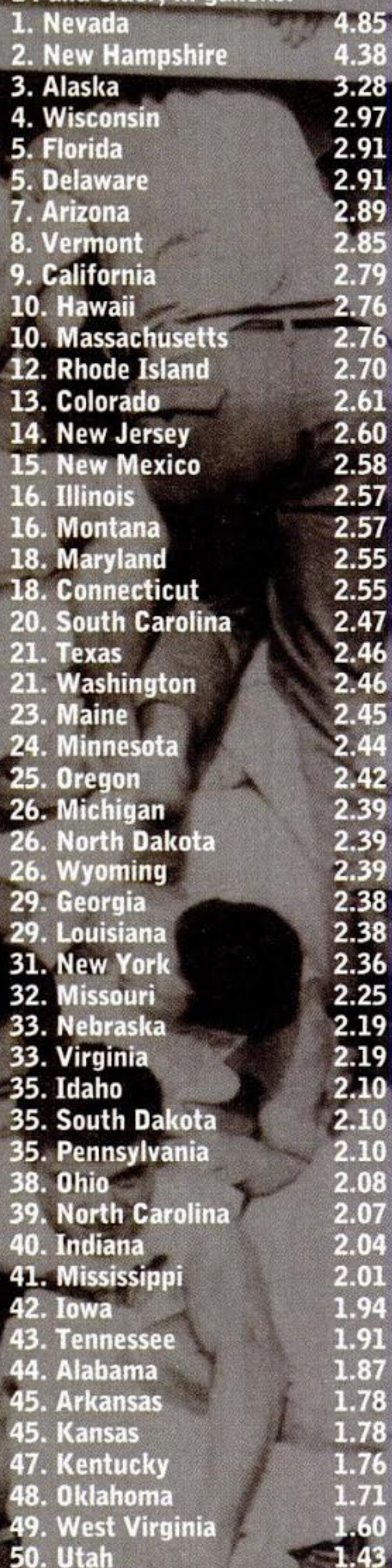
Residents/Natives: Bob Saget, Sharon Stone, Alexander Haig, Lee Iaccocca, Richard Gere, Joey Lawrence, John Du Pont, David Brenner.

#22 Georgia

Ted and Jane are everywhere. •Olympic fever. •Newt's Cobb County and its homophobic decrees. •The Braves fans' Tomahawk Chop. •Atlanta is the aggravated assault capital of America, with

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DRUNK: Annual per capita consumption of alcohol for residents 14 and older, in gallons.



1. Nevada	4.85
2. New Hampshire	4.38
3. Alaska	3.28
4. Wisconsin	2.97
5. Florida	2.91
5. Delaware	2.91
7. Arizona	2.89
8. Vermont	2.85
9. California	2.79
10. Hawaii	2.76
10. Massachusetts	2.76
12. Rhode Island	2.70
13. Colorado	2.61
14. New Jersey	2.60
15. New Mexico	2.58
16. Illinois	2.57
16. Montana	2.57
18. Maryland	2.55
18. Connecticut	2.55
20. South Carolina	2.47
21. Texas	2.46
21. Washington	2.46
23. Maine	2.45
24. Minnesota	2.44
25. Oregon	2.42
26. Michigan	2.39
26. North Dakota	2.39
26. Wyoming	2.39
29. Georgia	2.38
29. Louisiana	2.38
31. New York	2.36
32. Missouri	2.25
33. Nebraska	2.19
33. Virginia	2.19
35. Idaho	2.10
35. South Dakota	2.10
35. Pennsylvania	2.10
38. Ohio	2.08
39. North Carolina	2.07
40. Indiana	2.04
41. Mississippi	2.01
42. Iowa	1.94
43. Tennessee	1.91
44. Alabama	1.87
45. Arkansas	1.78
45. Kansas	1.78
47. Kentucky	1.76
48. Oklahoma	1.71
49. West Virginia	1.60
50. Utah	1.43

2,241 offenses per 100,000 people.

•*Deliverance*.

Culture: Poultry Park. Celebrates the history of Gainesville as the "Poultry Capital of the World" (2,650,000 chicks are hatched here weekly). •The Moonshine Museum. Visitors are greeted by a towering slight to Native Americans: an enormous statue of "Chief White Lightning." •World's Largest Peanut. Displayed on the side of I-75, this peanut is 10 feet high. •World of Coca-Cola.

Entertainment: The Winter Rattlesnake Roundup. •The Antebellum Jubilee, in which Georgians celebrate the halcyon days of slavery. •The Big Pig Jig. A barbecue cookoff, hog-calling contest, and livestock show. •Cotton Pickin' Fair.

Laws: All males in the state between the ages of 16 and 50 are required to work on public roads. •In Columbus, it is illegal to sit on one's porch in an indecent position. •In Quitman, it is illegal for a chicken to cross a road. •It is illegal to change the clothes on a storefront mannequin unless the shades are down.

Towns: Bumphead, Lumpkin, Pidcock, Talking Rock, Meansville, Hard Cash, Between Magnet, Bland Villa, Piddleville, Doctortown, Jot 'Em Down Store.

Residents/Natives: Newt Gingrich, James Brown, Jimmy Carter, DeForrest Kelley, Burt Reynolds, Clarence Thomas, Kim Basinger.

#23 Ohio

Heart of the romantic Rust Belt. •Marge Schott. •The state couldn't even hang on to the Browns. •Cleveland is the rape capital of the country, with 166.3 offenses per 100,000 people.

Culture: Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. •Paperweight Museum. Not just a paperweight museum, but a *glass* paperweight museum. •Postmark Collectors Club Museum. •Goodyear World of Rubber. •Popcorn Museum.

Entertainment: Circleville Pumpkin Show. Pumpkin lifting, pumpkin pie-eating contests, and lots more pumpkin stuff. •International Chicken Flying Meet. Chickens are placed on a 10-foot-high platform, and the one that flies the farthest wins. •Moonshine Festival.

Celebrates the bumpkin booze with mock raids by the police force and the sheriff's officers, a (presumably drunken) greased-pig-catching contest, and a greased-pole contest.

Laws: In Cleveland, women are forbidden from wearing patent leather shoes, lest men see reflections of their underwear. •In Columbus, it is illegal for stores to sell cornflakes on Sunday. •In Oxford, it is illegal for a woman to disrobe in front of a man's picture. •In Youngstown, it is illegal to run out of gas. •*Catch 22* is banned in Strongsville.

Towns: Tightwee, Celeryville, Jelloway, Bangs, Outville, Coolville, Widowville, Remindersville, Footville, Fleetown, Temperanceville, Mount Healthy.

Residents/Natives: Marge Schott, Gloria Steinem, Jamie Farr, Joel Grey, Arsenio Hall.

#24 Kansas

Will keep electing Bob Dole long after he has passed away. •Flattest, most boring state in the nation. •Kansas City, MO, is better than Kansas City, KS. •The official state song is "Home on the Range."

Culture: Barbed Wire Museum. Located in the "Barbed Wire Capital of the World," this museum has 500 different types of wire and items related to barbed wire. •Greyhound Hall of Fame. •Wizard of Oz House. Located in the Coronado Museum, an exact replica of Auntie Em's house, complete with ruby slippers, autographs by the Munchkins, and a stuffed replica of Toto.

Entertainment: The International Pancake Race in Liberal. An all-women's race in which contestants run 415 yards through the main streets of the town, flipping pancakes in skilletts. •Wooden Nickel Day. •Fun Pumpkin Day.

Laws: It is illegal for restaurants to sell cherry pie a la mode on Sundays. •In Wichita, a man's mistreatment of his mother-in-law may not be used as grounds for divorce. •In Wichita, it is illegal to carry a concealed bean snapper. •In Lang, it is illegal to ride a mule down Main Street in August, unless the animal is wearing a straw hat. •In Natoma, it is illegal to throw a knife at

anyone wearing a striped suit.

Towns: Spasticville, Swamp Angel, Covert, Studley.

Residents/Natives: Bob Dole, Elvira, Kirstie Alley, Dennis Hopper.

#25 Alabama

Lynyrd Skynyrd's song "Sweet Home Alabama." •Charles Barkley may be their next governor. •The state's rich history of warm racial relations.

Culture: Paul "Bear" Bryant Museum. The ultimate example of Alabama's hysterical dedication to college football and its overrated coach of the University of Alabama in the 1960s and 1970s. •Alabama Museum. Located in the self-proclaimed "Sock Capital of the World," this museum is named for the country-western band, not the state. •Bessemer Hall of History. In this small local museum, mainly dedicated to the history of the town, sits an object the presence of which has curators baffled: Adolf Hitler's typewriter.

Entertainment: The Old Time Fiddler's Contest and Anvil Shoot. •The International Possum Show. Possums from around the world are proudly displayed and judged by a panel of experts. •The National Slingshot Shooting Contest. •World Championship Domino Tournament. •Annual Peanut Butter Festival •Alabama Chitlins Jamboree. **Laws:** In Jasper, it is illegal for a husband to beat his wife with a stick larger in diameter than his thumb. •It is illegal to play Dominos on Sunday. •It is illegal to wear a fake moustache that causes laughter in church. •Putting salt on a railroad track may be punishable by death.

Towns: Smut Eye, Scant City, Chigger Hill, Rodentown, Nixons Chapel, Ballplay, Pulltight, Burnt Corn.

Residents/Natives: George Wallace, Kate Jackson.

#26 Delaware

Given the alarming frequency and nastiness of corporate layoffs, the state with the greatest concentration of bloated Fortune 400 corporations is a place to

avoid. •The Du Pont family.

Culture: Johnson Memorial. Dedicated to Eldridge Reeves Johnson, the founder of RCA, this museum has an abundance of items with the classic image of Nipper, the dog staring into the phonograph.

Entertainment: Delaware's biggest event of the year is called, aptly, Big Thursday. The state's residents gather to watch an 1800's vintage-costume bathing beauty contest, a decorated-bicycle parade, and a fire-and-water curtain display. •The American All Cut Glass Show. •The U.S. Piping Championships.

Laws: In Lewes, it is illegal to wear pants that are "form-fitting" around the waist. •Getting married on a dare is grounds for an annulment. •It is illegal to fly over any body of water, unless one is carrying sufficient supplies of food and drink.

Towns: Ogletown, Stumps Corners, Brick Store, Flea Hill, Hardscrabble.

Native: Valerie Bertinelli.

#27 North Dakota

Shares a "Peace Garden" with those rowdy Canadians. •Why live in North Dakota when there's South Dakota?

Culture: World's Largest Holstein. Actually just a huge (38 feet high, 50 feet long) fiberglass cow named "Salem Sue." •Roger Maris Baseball Museum.

Entertainment: Sauerkraut and Weiner Day. The slick, urbane town folk of Wishek treat the simple country folk of the surrounding rural wasteland to a weiner lunch. •The Medora Musical. A continuously running outdoor summer musical which features such highbrow fare as "The Flaming Idiots" and "Arneberg's Sensational Canines." •Dakota Cowboy Poetry Gathering. A review of the best in local and national cowboy poetry.

Laws: In Fargo, one may be jailed for wearing a hat while dancing, or even for wearing a hat to a function where dancing is taking place. •It is illegal to lie down and fall asleep with your shoes on. •It is illegal to serve beer and pretzels at the same time in any bar, club, or restaurant.

Towns: Flasher, Huff, Dickey, Blabon, Concrete.

Native: Angie Dickinson.

#28 South Dakota

The most exciting thing happening in the entire state is the glacial progress on the construction of the gigantic stone monument to Crazy Horse, which is being carved out of the Black Hills rock by the successors of mad sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski. A crew has been working on the sculpture nonstop since 1947, and so far, only Crazy Horse's face and part of his arm are visible. •Mount Rushmore. **Culture:** Cheryl Ladd Room. Inside a restaurant called The Barn, where Ladd once served food. •Corn Palace. An enormous, half-block-long structure decorated from ground to roof with real corn. Every winter it is attacked by hordes of birds and squirrels.

Entertainment: The Sturgis Rally and races. Biker community dregs—more than 200,000 of 'em—gather to pay homage to their hogs and vie to win the title of "rattiest bike." •Gambling in Deadwood. Local yokels and gamblers from neighboring hick towns flock to Deadwood to donate their meager wages to Kevin Costner and other casino owners who turned the once-quiet town into a microscopic Las Vegas.

Laws: It is illegal to lie down and fall asleep in a cheese factory. •Movies that show police officers being struck, beaten, or treated in an offensive manner are forbidden.

Towns: Merry-Go-Round Camp, Jolly Dump, Tea, Camp Crook, Stool.

Residents/Natives: Mary Hart, Cheryl Ladd, George McGovern, Mamie Van Doren.

#29 Nebraska

The most glowing self-praise that Nebraska's official state tourism booklet can offer is that Nebraska is better than Africa (e.g., Africa has "Noisy tribal villages," whereas Nebraska has "peaceful prairie dog towns"). •On the back cover, the tourism booklet advertises the Seas Aquarium at Omaha's zoo with a picture of a great white shark, a species that has yet to be kept alive in captivity.

Culture: Roller Skating Museum. •Museum of the Fur Trade. Lots of furs

and trapping equipment, as well as the worthless beads, cloth, and trinkets used by traders to screw the Indians.

•Carhenge. An exact replica of Stonehenge made with junked cars.

Entertainment: The Spring Fling, a carnival featuring a buffalo chip-throwing contest. •The Middle of Nowhere Parade. •The Cass County Quack-off. Participants race ducks on ice. One may bring one's own drake or rent a canard for the day. •The Cosmopolitan Club Pancake Feed. •The Muzzle-Loaders Rendezvous.

Laws: It is illegal for a mother to give her daughter a perm without a state license.

•In Waterloo, barbers are forbidden from eating onions between 7am and 7pm.

•In Omaha, barbers are forbidden from shaving their customers' chests. •If a child burps during a church service in Omaha, his or her parents may be arrested. •It is illegal for bar owners to sell beer unless they are simultaneously brewing a kettle of soup.

Towns: Wahoo, Gross, Wynot, Wymore, Colon, Worms, Hazard, Ong.

Residents/Natives: Dick Cavett, Gerald Ford, Nick Nolte, Paul Williams.

#30 New Mexico

Faux southwestern art motifs and patterns.

•UFO enthusiasts flocking to Roswell.

•Adobe. •Residue from Los Alamos.

•Artsy-fartsies in Taos and Santa Fe.

Culture: Billy the Kid Museum.

•Atomic Museum. Exhibits include the history of nuclear research and the castings of "Fat Man" and "Little Boy."

Entertainment: Cowboy Poetry Day in Farmington. •The Demington Duck Races. People dress their drakes in asinine costumes and make them run. •The World's Greatest Lizard Race. •Wild Thing Championship Bull Riding. •The Bat Flight Breakfast, where people pay for a buffet breakfast in front of a cave to watch thousands of flying rabid mammals return to their lair. •The Rattlesnake Extravaganza.

Laws: In Raton, it is illegal for a woman to ride horseback down a public street with a kimono on. •The *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary* is banned in

Carlsbad. •State officials ordered 400 words of "sexually explicit material" to be cut from *Romeo and Juliet*.

Towns: Holy Ghost, Pep, Loco Hills, Radium Springs, Truth Or Consequences.

Residents/Natives: John Denver, Demi Moore.

#31 MINNESOTA

Minneapolis is so damn cold that the city has its own Habitrail system for people during the winter. •St. Paul is the nation's leading publisher of law books.

Culture: Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum. Memorabilia of the life that inspired *Little House on the Prairie*. •Paul Bunyan Amusement Center.

Entertainment: Gopher Count. In what may be the single most appalling annual event held in this country, thousands of participants go to the town of Viola with gophers they have killed, judges count the gophers' feet, and the persons turning in the most gopher feet win a cash prize.

•Mall of America. A 4.2million-square-foot, 400-store, 78-acre self-contained city which is the biggest shopping center in history. •Minnesota Loon Festival. •Catfish Days & Cats Incredible Catfish Tournament. •Corn on the Curb/Crazy Nite. •Grammafest. •Grumpy Old Men Festival. •SPAMJam.

Laws: Women may face up to 30 days in jail if they impersonate Santa Claus. •In Minneapolis, double-parkers can be put on a chain gang. •Every man in Brainerd is required by law to grow a beard. •It's illegal to tease skunks.

Towns: Lude, Embarrass, Lax Lake, Savage, Pillager, Downer, Flom, Zim.

Residents/Natives: Walter Mondale, the Artist formerly known as Prince.

#32 West Virginia

The state's *raison d'être* is that eco-friendly industry of the future: coal mining.

Culture: Mother's Day Shrine. The two women credited with establishing Hallmark's favorite day were Anna Jarvis, who never married or had children, and Mary Sasseen, who died in labor with her first child. •Prabhupada's Palace, the temple built for the Hare

Krishnas' spiritual leader, Srila Prabhupada. The Swami preached asceticism and a life devoid of worldly goods, but his palace is obscenely ostentatious, with virtually every square inch covered in deftly wrought gold work, replete with ornate mosaics.

Entertainment: The West Virginia State Firefighters Festival. Featuring a firemen's Olympics, "mock accidents," and canine rescue. •The Mercer County Road Rally and Pig Fest. •The Annual Lumberjackin' Bluegrassin' Jamboree. •Taste of Our Town "TOOT" Festival. •A Toast to the Tap, International Water Tasting, Winter Festival of the Waters. •West Virginia Molasses Festival.

Laws: In Nicholas County, no clergy members may tell jokes or humorous stories from the pulpit during church services. •Doctors and dentists may not place a woman under anesthesia unless a third person is present. •It is illegal to sneeze on a train.

Towns: Peewee, Looneyville, Dingy, Shock, Gip, Tad, Dink, Mud, Nitro, War.

Natives: Mary Lou Retton, Cyrus Vance, Joyce DeWitt, Don Knotts.

#33 Washington

Spawned the grunge and coffee culture.

•Mt. St. Helens. •The Hanford Nuclear Reservation, which produced the majority of the U.S. military's plutonium, is considered to be the most polluted spot in the Western world.

Culture: Bing Crosby Library. Home to 24,000 artifacts relating to Crosby's life, ranging from original sheet music to monogrammed pajamas.

Entertainment: Omak Stampede. The climax of this week-long rodeo is the "suicide race," in which thrill-seeking morons plunge down a cliff and across a river on horseback, usually resulting in serious injuries to man and horse alike. •International Plowing Match. Prizes are awarded for the oldest and youngest contestants, as well as for the participant who can plow the straightest furrow.

Laws: In Seattle, women who sit on men's laps on buses or trains without placing a pillow between them face an

automatic six-month jail term. •In Auburn, men who deflower virgins, regardless of age or marital status, may face up to five years in jail. •Seattle residents may not carry concealed weapons longer than six feet. •It is illegal to pretend that one's parents are rich.

Towns: La Push, Tumtum, Tokeland, Humptulips.

Residents/Natives: Bill Gates, Bob Barker, Dyan Cannon, Carol Channing, Adam West, Yanni.

#34 Kentucky

Kentucky is the hooch capital of the country. •Home of Kentucky Fried Chicken (now the health-conscious KFC).

Culture: Kentucky Derby Museum. •Lily Tomlin Gallery. Tours of Tomlin's memorabilia are personally guided by her mother. •Oscar Getz Museum of Whiskey History. •Colonel Harland Sanders Museum.

Entertainment: Mount Sterling Court Day. The state's largest swap meet, where people actually trade goats, mules, hound dogs, and guns for musical instruments, molasses, and other crap. •The Pioneer Weapons Hunting Area. In Daniel Boone National Forest, hunters stalk and kill animals with bows and arrows, crossbows, and muzzle-loading rifles. •Hillbilly Days, where 100,000 crackers gather to celebrate the rich traditions of Appalachia (like inbreeding, adolescent marriage, and welfare dependency). •The Trashmasters Classic. Participants patrol the shores of the lake in Barren River State Park, looking for garbage.

Laws: It is illegal for a woman to appear in a bathing suit on a highway unless she is: escorted by at least two police officers; armed with a club; or lighter than 90 pounds or heavier than 200 pounds. The ordinance also specifically exempts female horses from such restrictions. •State law stipulates that a person is considered sober until he or she "cannot hold onto the ground." •It is illegal to remarry the same man four times.

Towns: Sugartit, Knob Lick, Paint Lick, Sulphur Lick, Mud Lick, Bee Lick, Grants Lick, Lick Skillet Knob, Lickburg, Chicken Bristle, Peewee Valley, Curdsville, Fearsville, Tiny Town, Do Stop, Balltown, Speck, Rabbit Hash, Hootentown, Pomp, Mouthcard, Letcher, Short Town, Cranks, Peoples.

Residents/Natives: Crystal Gayle, Hunter S. Thompson, The Judds, Dwight Yoakam, Sean Young, Billy Ray Cyrus.

#35 Oregon

Square dancing is the official state dance. The state's rough-and-tumble college football teams are the Ducks and the Beavers. The state rock (!) is the thunderegg.

Culture: •Nike Town. A 15,000-square-foot facility which tries to turn the purchase of shoes into a fun family adventure, with multimedia images and sports memorabilia in display cases.

Entertainment: Rogue River Rooster Crowing Contest. •Wild Horse Rodeo. Features a girl's barrel race, a bareback wild mustang riding competition, and a wild cow milking contest. •Turkey-Rama. Features a giant turkey barbecue,

a giveaway of 300 turkeys, and Oregon's only official turkey races.

Laws: One may not bathe without wearing "suitable clothing," i.e., that which covers one's body from neck to knee.

•The town of Hood River prohibits the act of juggling without a license. •Salem has barred women's wrestling. •In Marion, ministers are forbidden from eating garlic or onions before delivering a sermon.

Towns: Boring, Zig Zag, Drain, Pee, Hole In The Ground.

Residents/Natives: Tom Metzger (leader of the White Aryan Resistance), Bob Packwood, Tonya Harding, Doc Severinsen, Sally Struthers.

#36 Wisconsin

Wisconsin's two main sources of pride are cheese and cheap beer.

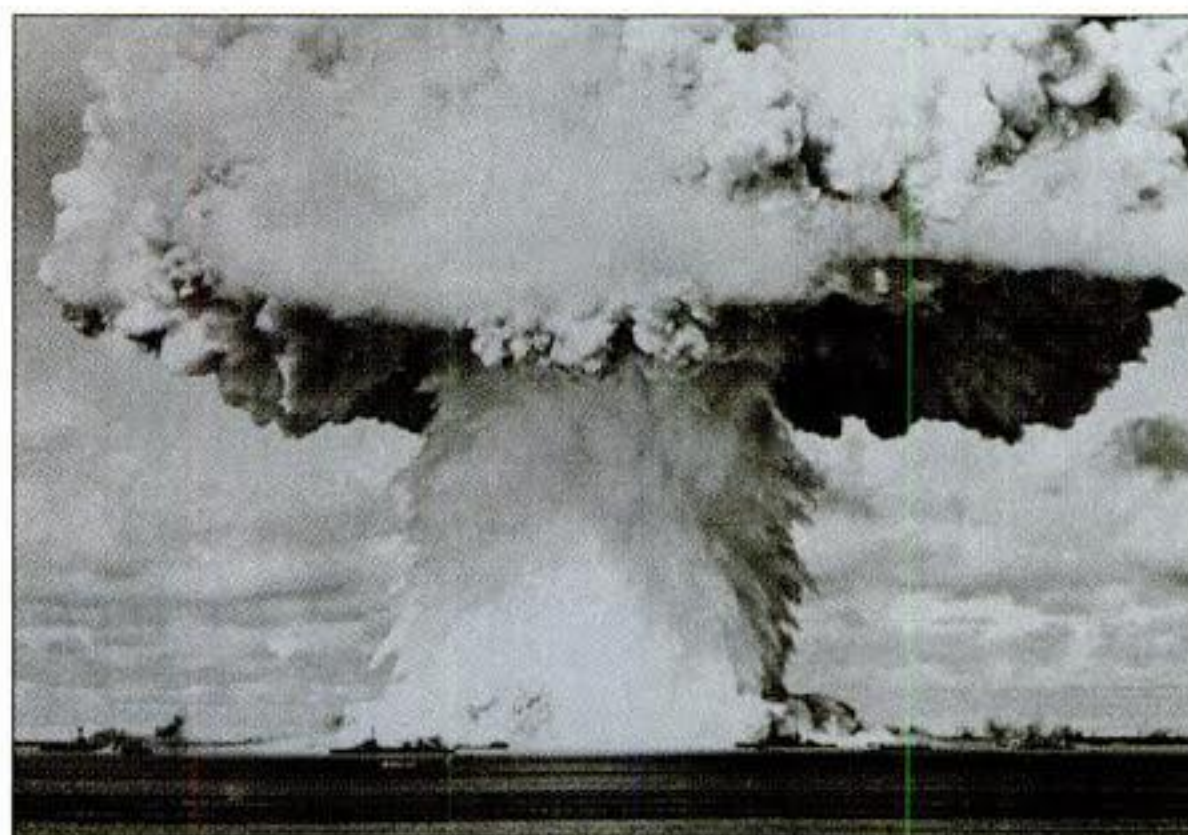
Culture: National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame. •Circus World Museum. •Christmas Tree Museum. •Packers Hall of Fame.

Entertainment: Cheese Days. Wisconsin residents celebrate their state's proud cheese heritage.

Laws: In St. Croix, women are not allowed to wear anything red in public. •It is illegal to cut a woman's hair. •It is illegal to kiss on a train. •Cheese making requires a cheese maker's license; Limburger cheese making requires a master cheese maker's license.

Towns: Spread Eagle, Dilly, Fussville, Embarrass, Hustler.

Natives: Tyne Daly, Jackie Mason, Charlotte Rae, Tom Snyder, Bob Uecker.



#37 Illinois

Who wants to live in the Second City? •Ditto the Windy City? •The Cubs.

Culture: Cookie Jar Museum. •McDonald's Museum. •Deere Center. Exhibits the exciting evolution of farming equipment created by the John Deere company, with various plows and combines. High point is exhilarating display of the evolution of the power lawn mower. •Billy Graham Museum.

Entertainment: The Fort de Chartres Rendezvous. American citizens dress up in historic French settler costumes and hold Indian tomahawk-throwing contests. **Laws:** In Chicago, people who are diseased, maimed, mutilated, or deformed to the point of being "an unsightly or disgusting object" are banned from going out in public. •In Chicago, it is illegal to fish in one's pajamas. •In Chicago, it is illegal to take a French poodle to the opera. •According to state law, it is illegal to speak English. The officially recognized language is "American." •In Guerne, it is illegal for women weighing more than 200 lbs to ride horses in shorts. •In Joliet, it is illegal to mispronounce the name Joliet.

Towns: Wacker, Low Point, Disco, Heapsville, Boos, Pankeyville.

Residents/Natives: Hillary Rodham Clinton, Oprah Winfrey, Louis Farrakhan, Charlton Heston, Ronald Reagan, David Mamet, Raquel Welch, Hugh Hefner.

#38 LOUISIANA

Louisiana has the highest percent of residents below the poverty level, at 26.4%.

•Louisiana is the nation's leading supplier of muskrat fur. •Only state in nation whose laws are based on Napoleonic Code.

Culture: Brimstone Museum. Films, diagrams, tools, and artifacts related to the history of sulphur manufacturing. There's even a one-ton block of brimstone. •Voodoo Museum.

Entertainment: The Louisiana State Penitentiary Rodeo, held every September by good-time lovin' rapists, murderers, and other assorted felons. •Cochon de Lait, the festival of the suck-

ling pig. •The Crawfish Festival. •Uncle Earl's Hog Baying.

Laws: In New Orleans, fire trucks are required by law to stop at all red lights.

•It is considered "simple assault" to bite someone in New Orleans; it is "aggravated assault" if the biter has false teeth.

•It is against the law to gargle in public.

Towns: Latex, Dry Prong, Duckroost, Happy Jack, Waterproof, Transylvania.

Residents/Natives: Bryant Gumbel, Paul Prudhomme, David Duke.

#39 Montana

Home of pampered celebrities who just want to get away from it all. •Montana boasts the lowest recorded temperature of the 48 contiguous states: -69.7° F.

Culture: Oscar's Dreamland. This "dreamland" is actually a collection of about 5,000 pieces of farming equipment and information about farming in the Northern Great Plains.

Entertainment: Model T Race. A three-day, 500-mile competition in which antique jalopies race over rocky terrain. There are prizes for the first three finishers and for the first mechanical collapse.

Laws: It is a felony for a wife to open her husband's mail. •It is a misdemeanor to show movies that depict acts of felonious crime. •In Whitehall, it is illegal to operate a vehicle with ice picks attached to the wheels.

Towns: Yaak Valley, Bad News Camp.

Residents/Natives: Mary Hart, Emilio Estevez, Jim Nabors, Tom Cruise, Tom Selleck, Kiefer Sutherland, Brooke Shields, Charlie Sheen, Whoopi Goldberg, Shecky Greene.

#40 Missouri

St. Louis is second only to Washington, D.C., as the murder capital of the country, with 57.4 murders per 100,000 people. •St. Louis's ridiculous Gateway Arch offers, on clear days, views of... St. Louis. •Calls itself "The Show-Me State."

Culture: National Bowling Hall of Fame. •Hallmark Visitors Center. Celebrates the history of smarmy greeting cards.

Entertainment: National Tom Sawyer Fence Painting Contest. Governors of

each of the 10 states on the Mississippi select a boy to compete. Contestants are judged on costume, speed, and quality.

Laws: In Saco, women are forbidden from wearing hats that "might frighten timid persons, children or animals." •In St. Louis, it is illegal for an on-duty firefighter to rescue a woman wearing a nightgown; in order to be rescued, a woman must be fully dressed. •While children may purchase shotguns in Kansas City, they are not allowed to buy toy cap guns. •Missouri considers drunkenness an "inalienable right."

Towns: Braggadocio, Boss, Tightwad, Grubville, Conception Junction.

Residents/Natives: Shelley Winters, Ed Asner, Rush Limbaugh, Don Johnson.

#41 Iowa

Iowa is the nation's leading slaughterer of pigs and livestock.

Culture: Maytag Historical Display. An entire museum dedicated to the history of the washing machine. •Captain James T. Kirk's Hometown. Officials in Riverside, Iowa, after hearing (on a *Star Trek* episode) that Kirk's birthplace was "a small town in Iowa," lied and said Kirk was from Riverside. They built a model of the Starship Enterprise and called it the U.S.S. *Riverside*; celebrate Kirk's birthday every March; and host a trekkie convention in June. •The bridges of Madison County. The covered bridges here provided the inspiration for the terrifyingly popular novel. •John Wayne Museum.

Entertainment: The annual Hobo Convention. A gathering of legendary hobos, featuring the election of a hobo king and queen. •B-Brrry Scurry-B-Brrry Fest. •Annual Ackley Sauerkraut Days. •Porktoberfest.

Laws: State law forbids any establishment from charging admission to see a one-armed piano player. •In Fort Madison, firemen are required to practice for 15 minutes before attending a fire.

Towns: Crippin' Corners, Spillville, Jolley, Ricketts, Beebeetown, Coon Rapids, Dickieville, Confidence.

Residents/Natives: Johnny Carson, Ann Landers.

#42 INDIANA

It is called the Hoosier State; ergo, if you live there, you are a Hoosier.

Culture: Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. The height of this state's "Hoosier Hysteria." •John Dillinger Museum. Memorial to the 1930s gangster, including a wax dummy of his body on a morgue slab. •James Dean Memorial. Displays in this hometown museum include his high school letter sweater and a soil experiment he did for the 4-H Club.

Entertainment: The Indy 500. People gather from all over the world to watch extremely loud cars drive around an oval again and again for 500 miles. •The town of Friendship holds the National Muzzleloading Rifle Competition, where nuts dress up in frontier garb and throw tomahawks and shoot obsolete rifles.

Laws: Monkeys are forbidden to smoke cigarettes in South Bend. •In Gary, it is illegal to attend the theater within four hours of eating garlic. •The *Stepford Wives* is banned in Warsaw.

Towns: Hooker Corner, Toto, Odd Town, Nulltown, Loafers Station, Snacks, Gnaw Bone, Bono, Hashtown, Fickle, Aroma. **Residents/Natives:** Axl Rose, David Lee Roth, Dan Quayle, Michael Jackson.

#43 WYOMING

Wyoming is the least populated state. That should tell you something.

Culture: Buffalo Bill Historical Center. •The Cody Firearms Museum. A proud display of the rifles that the white man used to slaughter the native Indians. •The Nicolayson Art Museum. A collection of Rocky Mountain "art," such as a bison statue made out of old car parts and tires.

Entertainment: Every summer night (save Sundays) the town of Jackson hosts a performance of the Longest-Running Shoot-Out in the World. •Junior Federal Duck Stamp Exhibition. •Sierra Madre Mountain Man Muzzleloaders Rendezvous

Laws: It is illegal to wear a hat that obstructs peoples' view in a public theater or place of amusement. •It is illegal for women to stand within five feet of a bar

while drinking.

Towns: Groin, Armpit, Dull Center, Lost Cabin, Difficulty, Chugwater, Smoot, Recluse, Dogie, Node.

Residents/Natives: James Watt.

#44 Vermont

Vermont is the nation's least ethnically diverse state, with whites comprising 98.6% of the population.

Culture: Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory. Daily tours are available of the faux-hippy headquarters, and the capitalist bastards have an ice cream shop on site to suck in more of your hard-earned cash.

Entertainment: World Shovel Championship Races. Entrants ride a coal-type shovel straight downhill for half a mile through bumps and drop-offs, reaching speeds of 40 to 50 miles per hour. •The Anything That Floats River Parade.

Laws: Women must obtain written permission from their husbands to wear false teeth. •It is illegal to deny the existence of God. •It is illegal to whistle underwater.

Towns: Breadloaf, Tinmouth, Podunk, Chiselville, Blissville, Mount Hunger. **Residents/Natives:** Ben & Jerry, Dom DeLuise.

#45 Alaska

Alaska is the coldest state in the Union (down to -80° F). •The Alaskan Pipeline.

•Oil spills. •Seventeen active volcanoes. •The official state sport is dog-mushing.

Culture: Kotzebue National Forest. Known as the "world's smallest national forest," this forest is actually a single, shaggy-looking black spruce, sagging from the punishment of the elements near the Arctic Circle and surrounded by a white picket fence. The tree was planted in 1958, and somehow manages to survive on a tundra that has no other vegetation.

Entertainment: The Eskimo Olympic Games. Who needs the decathlon when you've got seal-harpooning contests, seal-skinning contests, greased-pole walking, blanket tossing, ear weightlifting competitions, and the men's knuckle hop? •The Annual Ice Worm Festival. •Moose Dropping Festival.

STUPID: Percentage of residents age 25 and older who have not finished high school.



1. Mississippi	35.7
2. Kentucky	35.4
3. West Virginia	34.0
4. Arkansas	33.7
5. Alabama	33.1
6. Tennessee	32.9
7. South Carolina	31.7
7. Louisiana	31.7
9. North Carolina	30.0
10. Georgia	29.1
11. Rhode Island	28.0
12. Texas	27.9
13. Missouri	26.1
14. Florida	25.6
15. Oklahoma	25.4
16. Pennsylvania	25.3
17. New York	25.2
18. New Mexico	24.9
19. Virginia	24.8
20. Indiana	24.4
21. Ohio	24.3
22. California	23.8
22. Illinois	23.8
24. North Dakota	23.3
24. New Jersey	23.3
26. Michigan	23.2
27. South Dakota	22.9
28. Delaware	22.5
29. Maryland	21.6
30. Wisconsin	21.4
31. Arizona	21.3
32. Nevada	21.2
32. Maine	21.2
34. Connecticut	20.8
35. Idaho	20.3
36. Massachusetts	20.0
37. Hawaii	19.9
37. Iowa	19.9
39. Vermont	19.2
40. Montana	19.0
41. Kansas	18.7
42. Oregon	18.5
43. Nebraska	18.2
44. New Hampshire	17.8
45. Minnesota	17.6
46. Wyoming	17.0
47. Washington	16.2
48. Colorado	15.6
49. Utah	14.9
50. Alaska	13.4

Laws: In Fairbanks, it is illegal to feed alcoholic beverages to a moose. •While it is legal to shoot bears, waking sleeping bears for the purpose of taking a photograph is prohibited.

Towns: Chicken, Mary's Igloo, Coldfoot, Spit Head, Asses Head, Trollop Point, Filthy Hill, Maniac Hill.

Residents/Natives: While Alaska's residents may be embarrassing in their own homes, none has made a public spectacle of himself.

#46 Connecticut

As the insurance capital of the country, Connecticut also has the most insurance salesmen. •Connecticut has the highest tax burden per capita, at \$7,769.

Culture: Lock Museum of America. •Nut Museum. The museum is actually run by a nut, an old lady named Elizabeth Tashjian, who charges two dollars and a nut as an admission fee.

Entertainment: Connecticut boasts the largest annual gathering of people who have nothing better to do than dress up in Revolutionary War uniforms and play fife and drums.

Laws: In Hartford, it is illegal to educate a dog. •It is illegal to dispose of used razor blades. •In New Britain, the speed limit for fire trucks is 25 m.p.h., even when going to a fire. •In Hartford, it is illegal for a man to kiss his wife on Sunday.

Towns: Podunk, Laysville, Bedlam Corner, Horse Heaven, Happyland.

Residents/Natives: Diana Ross, Michael Bolton, David Letterman.

#47 Virginia

Virginia is for lovers. •Shockjock Ollie North is still a viable candidate for state senator. •The Lover's State was the capital of the proslavery Confederate States of America.

Culture: Oyster Museum. •The U.S. Army Transportation Museum. •Colonial Williamsburg, where urbanites can see grown men and women put on silly costumes and churn butter and dip candles for a living.

Entertainment: The Assateague Pony Swim. Cowboys force a herd of ponies to swim to Assateague Island, where they

are driven down the main street, impounded, and auctioned off. •Great Dismal Swamp Cruises. •The Jousting Hall of Fame Tournament. •The Pork, Peanut, and Pine Festival.

Laws: In Richmond, it is illegal to flip a coin in any eating establishment to determine who buys a cup of coffee. •In Norfolk, a man may face 60 days in jail for patting a woman's derriere. •There is a state law prohibiting "corrupt practices or bribery by any person other than candidates." •In Lebanon, it is illegal to kick your wife out of bed.

Towns: Assawoman, Frogstool, Tight Squeeze, Ticktown, Cuckoo, Looney, Ordinary, Motley, Disputana.

Residents/Natives: Warren Beatty, Shirley MacLaine, Chuck Robb, Ollie North, Jerry Falwell.

#48 Arizona

The official state neckwear is the bolo tie. •Arizona's travel brochure features a full-page picture of the Cochise County Courthouse's gallows. •The state refuses to recognize Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Culture: The Bead Museum. •The Hall of Flame. A museum that chronicles the history of firefighting. •The Rex Allen Cowboy Museum. •London Bridge. Moved from London to Lake Havasu City in 1971 to encourage state tourism.

Entertainment: The Annual Singles Showcase. Seventy information booths, lectures and workshops for the lonely. •Bye-Bye Buzzards. Locals gather to bid adieu to the migrating flock of turkey buzzards from the local arboretum. •Throwing the Bull. An appropriate combination of political speeches and a cow chip-throwing contest. •The annual Psychic Fair.

Laws: In Tucson, it is illegal for women to wear pants. •In Globe, it is illegal to play cards in the street with a Native American. •In Glendale, it is illegal to drive a car in reverse. •In Nogales, it is illegal to wear suspenders.

Towns: Tuba City, Goldtooth, Mexican Water, Two Guns, Kaka, Bumstead, Hookers Hot Springs.

Residents/Natives: Stephen Baldwin, Barry Goldwater.

#49 Maine

If it weren't for lobsters, we'd give the place to Canada. •Crusty old salts.

Culture: L.L. Beane Headquarters.

•Bryant Stove Museum. •Sand Museum.

Entertainment: The World Heavyweight Championship Ski Race. A downhill race in which the entrants must weigh a minimum of 225 pounds, though typical weights run up to 465 pounds. •National Dump Week in Kennebunkport, featuring a Dump Art Show, Miss Dumpy beauty contest, and the Giant Trash parade.

Laws: In Portland, it is illegal for men to tickle women under the chin with feather dusters. •The most money one can legally win gambling is three dollars. •In Rumford, it is illegal for a tenant to bite his/her landlord. •In Waterville, it is illegal to blow one's nose in public.

Towns: Suckerville, Ducktrap, Grindstone, Loon Lake, Purgatory.

Residents/Natives: F. Lee Bailey, Stephen King.

#50 New Jersey

Newark is America's robbery capital, with 1,942 offenses per 100,000 people.

•Atlantic City, featuring Donald Trump's hideous Taj Mahal. •The NJ Turnpike.

Culture: Campbell Museum. The history of soup and its societal significance, including rare soup containers and spoons. •Seashell Museum. •Spoon Collection. Over 5,400 spoons, including spoons from every state in the nation and nearly every country in the world.

Entertainment: The DooDah parade in Ocean City. •The Hey Rube, Get a Tube event at Point Pleasant Beach. •The Miss America Pageant.

Laws: It is against the law to "frown" at a police officer. •In Newark, it is illegal to sell ice cream after 6pm, unless the customer has a note from his doctor. •It is illegal to slurp soup. •In Trenton, it is illegal to throw a bad pickle in the street.

Towns: Teeny Weeny Acres, Rudeville, Scrappy Corner, Nummytown, Dicktown.

Residents/Natives: Andrew Shue, Jon Bon Jovi, Joe Piscopo, David Copperfield.

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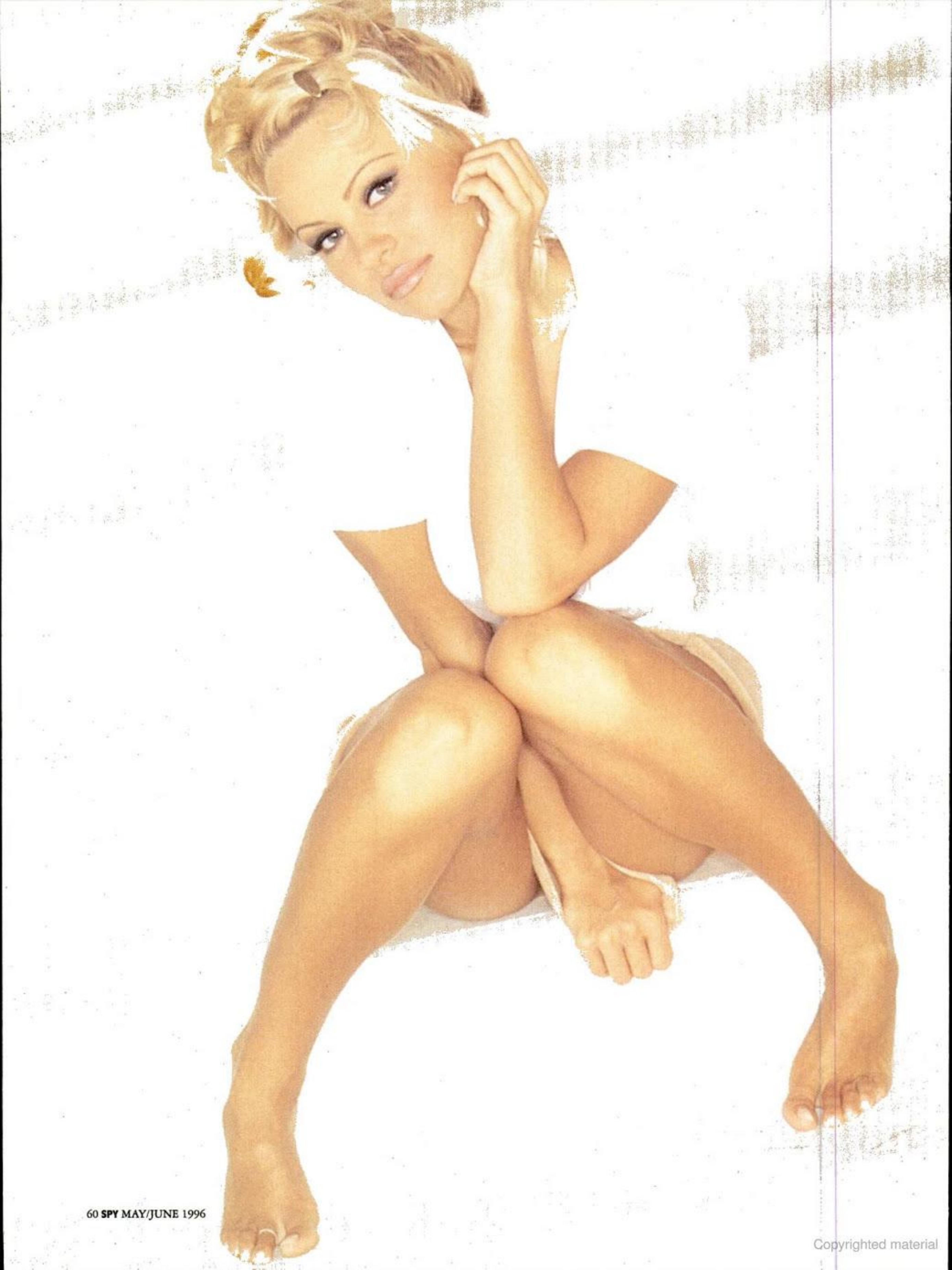
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Non-Shtick Pam

GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES. They also dig enormous, professionally crafted breasts. But is there more to Pamela Lee than meets the eye? SPY sent GREG EASLEY to investigate.

Few women can ever hope to enjoy the stature that Pamela Lee, née Pamela Anderson, possesses right now. Star of her own *Playboy* video, which was the sixth best-selling tape of the year (it held the number one spot for 12 weeks in a row and outsold *True Lies* and *Dumb and Dumber*); *Baywatch*, the most popular television series in the world (estimated to have an audience of 1 billion); and *Barb Wire*, an upcoming action vehicle, Lee is the Hayworth/Monroe of her day, and, silicon or no, she's poised to be bigger than them all. What fuels Pamela's fire? What

drives her to be all that she can be? What in God's name makes this woman tick?

So you came from Canada, and your first stop in America was L.A. Did you encounter any cultural differences? Were there words that didn't make sense, words that were used in Canada but weren't used here?

Oh, lots. There's definitely a difference in language a little bit. Like when I came to L.A. for the first time, I had heard about photographers and everything here, and I was thinking, "Okay, I heard that someone walks around with a parrot on his shoulder." And I was just expecting like, you know, big, pointy shoulder pads and crazy hats and like a

parrot on his shoulder. Like this was who was going to meet me when I got off the plane.

Why a parrot?

I don't know. I had this parrot stuck in my head. Well, because a friend of mine was a photographer in Vancouver, and he was telling me, I guess, there's like this one photographer—I don't know who he was talking about—in L.A. who used to keep a parrot on his shoulder when he was shooting. I don't know, I mean I could have dreamed it.

If you could be any animal, what would it be, and why?

"I was hiding behind one leaf, and I said, 'If I move I'm going to die, this whole army is going to get me,' and then I stick my hand out, and it's a leopard's paw."



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Oh, God! You know I dreamed the other day—this is really weird—but I dreamed that I was, like, you know, in one of those chasing dreams, like, you know, if they catch you, you’re dead? I was on the brink of death, and I was hiding behind these leaves—I was hiding behind one leaf, and I said, “Okay, if I move, I’m going to die, this whole army is going to get me,” and they all rush by, and then I stick my hand out, and I stick out my hand, and it’s a leopard paw.

What a freaky dream. So maybe I’d be a leopard, I guess.

Let’s talk a little bit about Barb Wire. How do you think it will be received?

It’s cool to see. It’s really wild. I’ve never starred in a movie before, first of all. And then it’s supposed to be an action picture. Action pictures are the hardest. Ask any actor. It takes so long. It’s so grueling. It’s very physical. And I did

my own stunts. And it was hard—it’s hard kickboxing in stiletto heels in a corset that makes your waist 17 inches.

Some television critics have called David Hasselhoff a genius. Is that something you would second?

He works so hard. I mean, that guy will work Monday to Friday, Friday night go to Germany, do a concert on Saturday night, and come home on Sunday. I don’t

know how he does it. The guy...I think he loves the business so much and he loves what he does so much that he keeps on going and going. I couldn't do it. And he has a piece of the show. He's really smart. He makes a ton of money off the show. Not that money is everything. It's just that he's really smart when it comes to business.

So he might be a business genius?

I'd say a business genius, yeah.

Someone at the office had heard that Tommy Lee was bigger than David Hasselhoff...

Bigger than David Hasselhoff? No, David's 6'5", and Tommy's 6'2".

Well, I mean in the other sense...

In what, penis size? How would I know?

So nothing ever happened on the set?

Oh, God no!

He never got caught naked?



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No, I've never seen David Hasselhoff naked. I don't think he ever is naked. No. Tommy's naked a lot.

You mean he's an exhibitionist?

No, I mean we're both naked a lot.

What's he like outside the bedroom?

He's very practical. I'm the one who's like, "Let's put the swing above the piano." And he's the one, "Well, I think we need to find a couple studs to nail into, otherwise you're not going to last too long up there." You know? So he's like the nuts and bolts kind of guy in our relationship, and I'm the one who's like, "Let's just, uh, you know, let's, you know, make this furniture or do that...." I'm kind of, wake up in the morning, "I had a dream last night, and I've got to make this." And he's like, "Okay, I need to call...." And he kind of sets it up for me. We're a good team that way.

If a young actress came up to you and said, "I think I can make it if I get breast implants," what do you think you would say to her?

I really don't think that has any bearing on if you're going to make it or not. I mean, that's a personal thing that you do for yourself, not for anybody else. But if it makes you feel more confident, and if you've researched it the way you should, and you know the pros and cons and all those kinds of things, then...obviously I don't have anything against that.

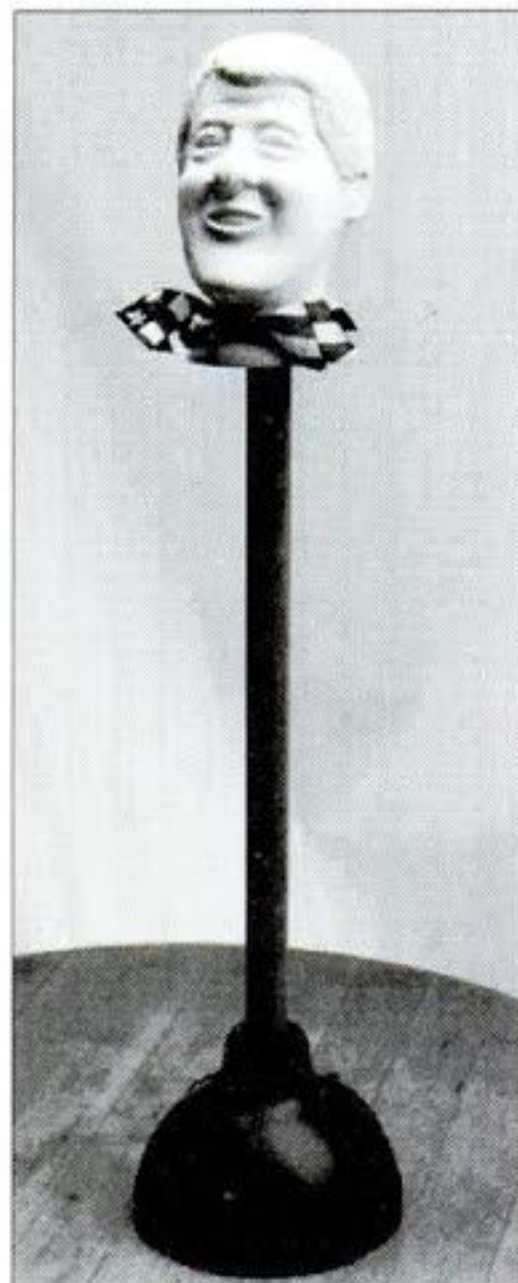
Playboy recently referred to you as "the hardest working woman in the bikini-stuffing business." Do you think that's a compliment? How do you take that?

Well, I mean, I guess I'm in the bikini-stuffing business, so if I'm the hardest working, I guess that's a compliment. I do work pretty darn hard, that's for sure. *What do you think of Hugh Hefner?*

I like him a lot. He's cool. That's one thing about *Playboy*. It's kind of like family. I used to always say, "If my house crumbled to the ground in an earthquake, or if something were to happen devastating to me, I would always be able to stay there, or go there. They're good people, and they kind of look after you a little bit. It's kind of like a family in a way. But I think he's brilliant. I think he's just a real interesting pioneer. Man, every time you talk to him, it's like some kind of brilliant conversation."

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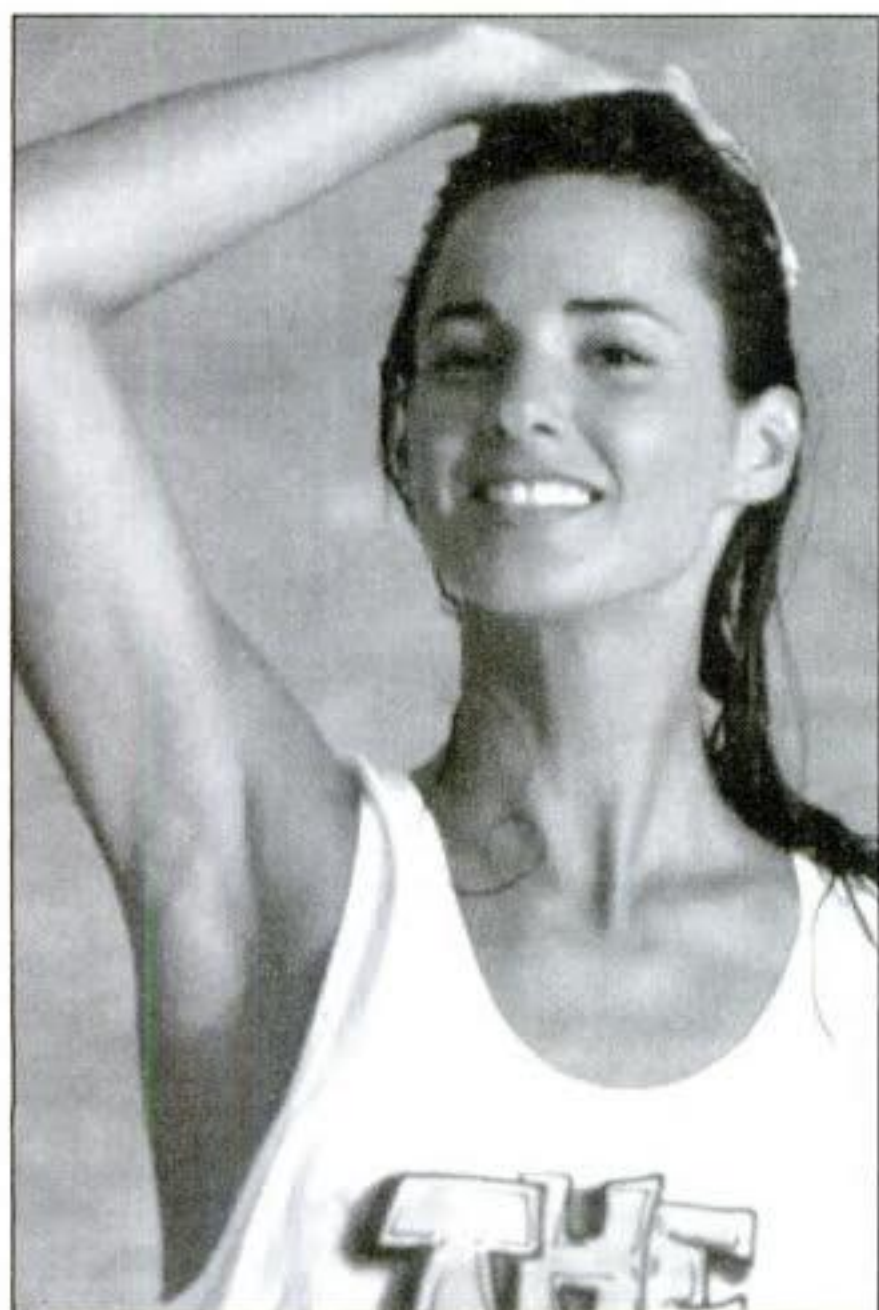
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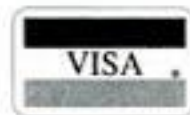
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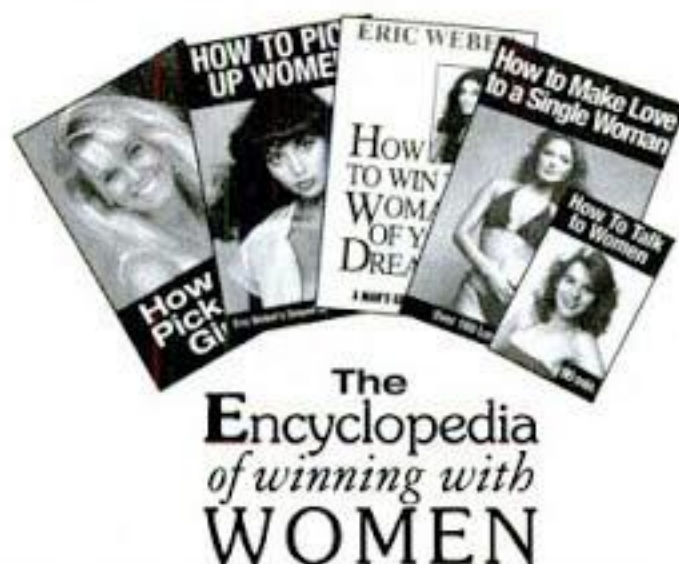
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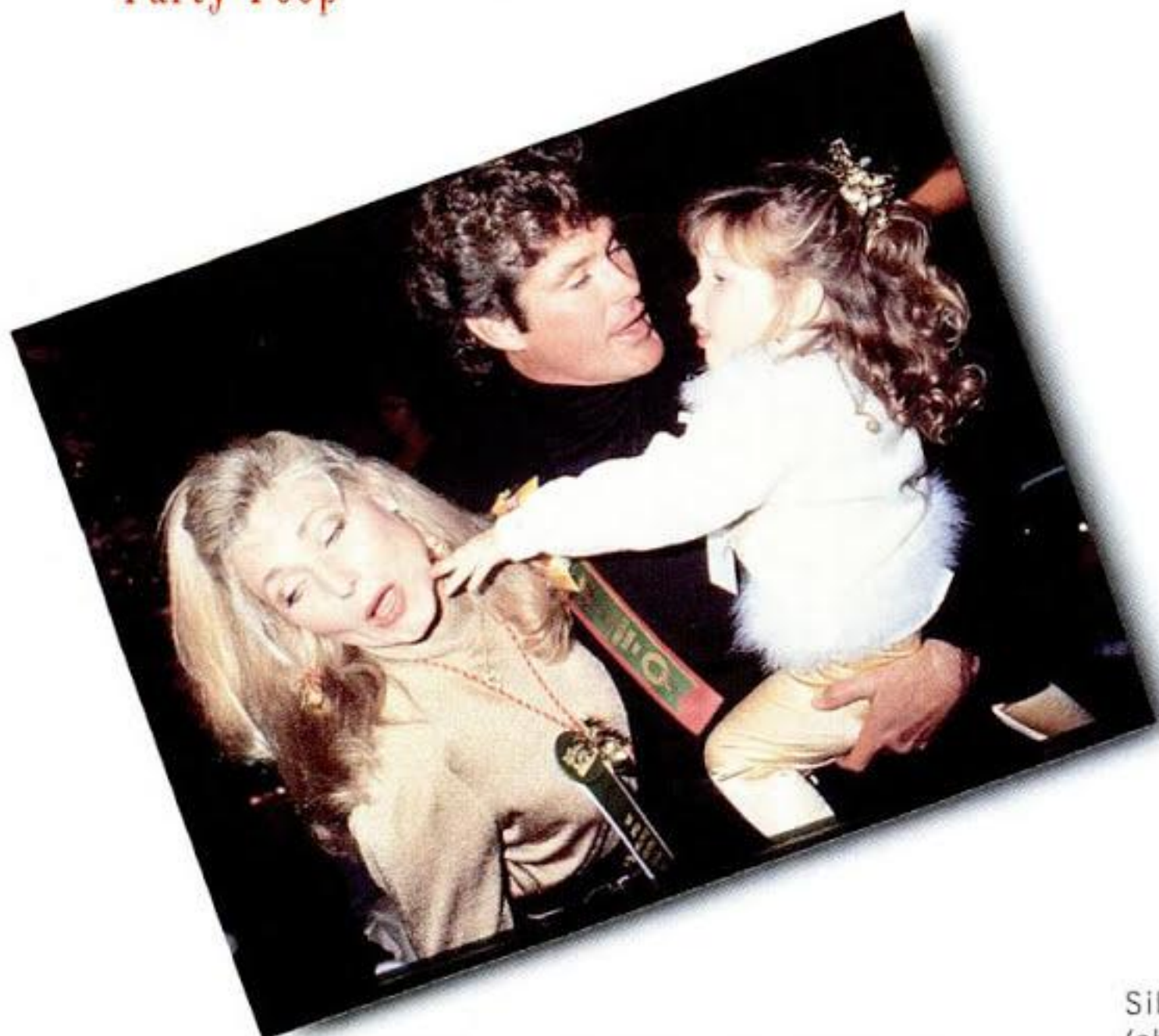
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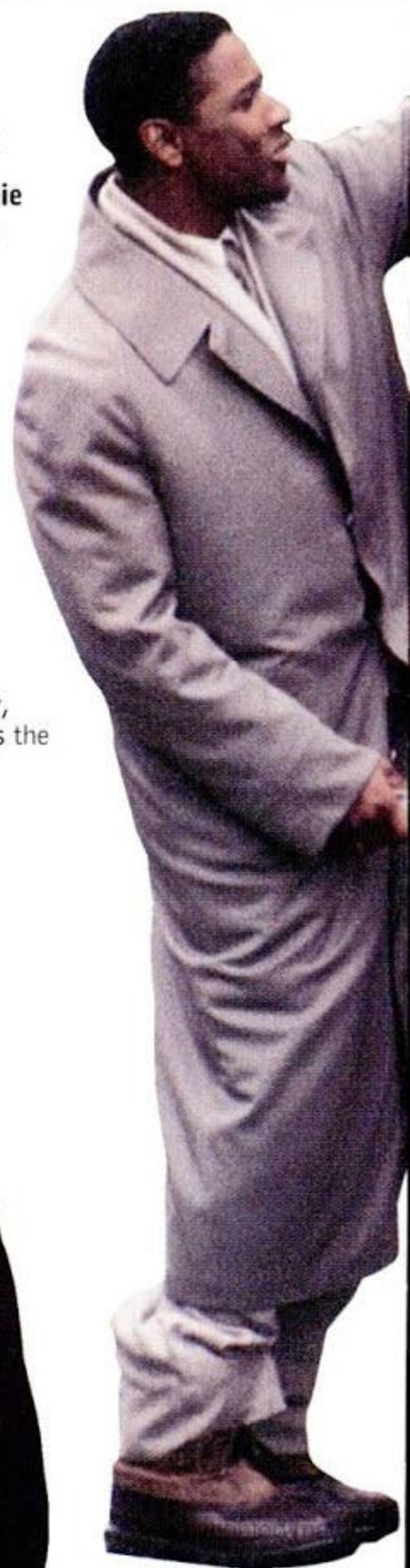
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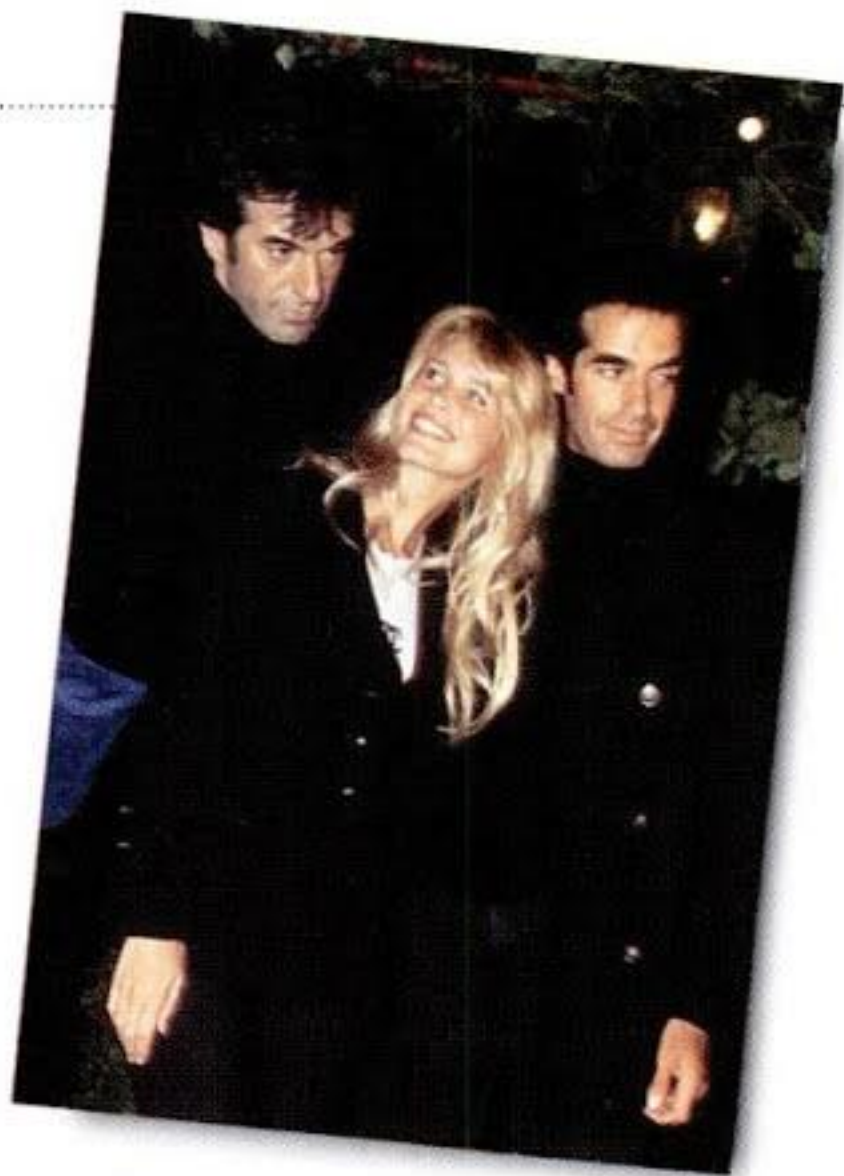


TV lifesaver **David Hasselhoff** (above) refuses to come to the rescue while his daughter pummels his wife with vicious backhand chops. **Sly Stallone** (below) cringes in embarrassment as his mom, **Jackie**, keeps calling her boy's fiancée du jour, **Jennifer Flavin**, "Angie."



Silver fox **Helen Gurley Brown** (above) jealously cops a feel off her handpicked successor, **Bonnie Fuller**. "I remember when mine used to stand at attention like good little soldiers," sighs the sexy senior. Everybody's humpin' around! **Denzel Washington** (right) teaches his old buddy **Whitney Houston** some classic tango moves to impress her loving husband, hoofer Bobby Brown. Hey, what are friends for? Grimacing in pain, **Rudy Giuliani** (below) tries to wrest his mangled mitt from the crushing handshake of poodle-coiffed crooner **Michael Bolton**. "Okay, okay, you don't lip-synch!" cries the maimed mayor.





Toothy Teutonic temptress **Claudia "Trigger" Schiffer** (above) contemplates a ménage à trois with **David Copperfield** and his more sexually magnetic wax dummy.



"Farrakhan stuck you with the check, too?" Race-baiting Reverend **Al Sharpton** (above right) jokes around with fellow unemployed man-of-the-cloth **Jesse Jackson**, as Russell Simmons and Tyra Banks look on. Sensible shopper **Zsa Zsa Gabor** (right) makes out like a bandit with a truck-load of turkeys using her buy-ten-get-three-free Poultry Club discount.



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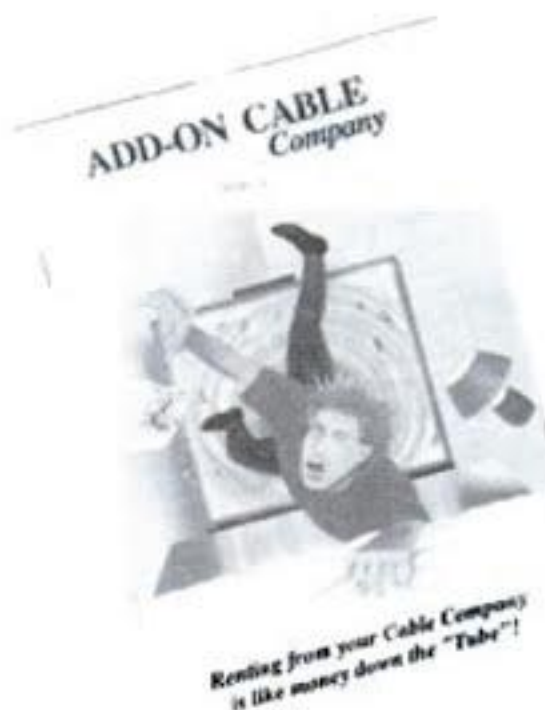
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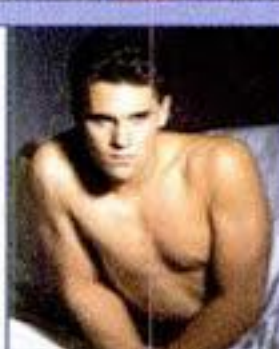
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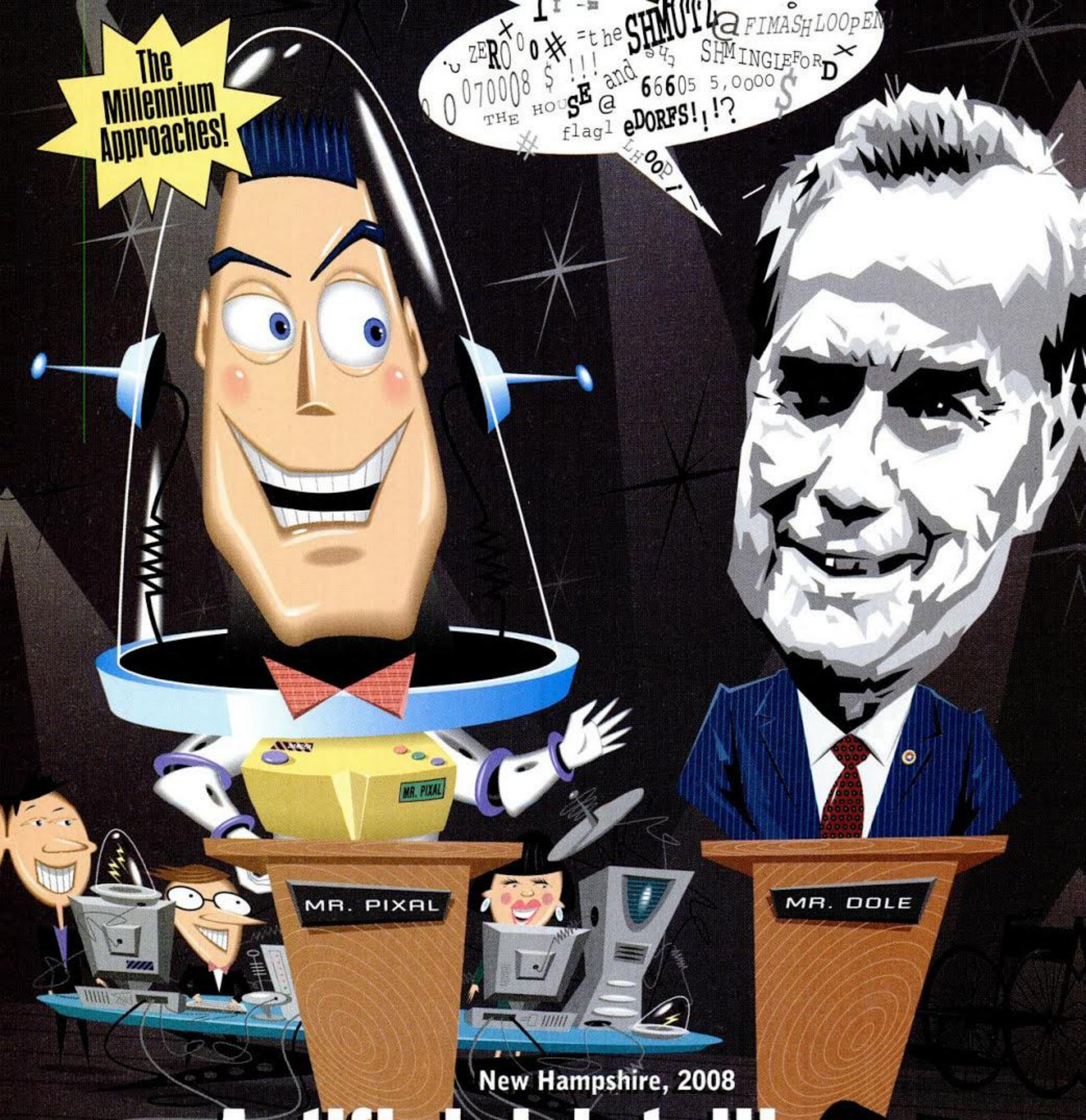
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